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ANOTHER BLOCK TO TURBINES

PLANS for a controversial wind farm at East Langdon are being opposed by Kent International Airport at Manston.

Proposals for the five 120m-high wind turbines have already provoked a storm of protest and now the airport's chief executive is adding his voice to the debate.

"We are not against renewable energy and wind farms if they are in the right location," said KIA chief executive Matt Clarke.

"However, we are objecting to Ecotricity's proposed wind farm near

■ BY MARIJKE COX

Langdon due to the impact it would have on our air traffic control service.

"Under the Ecotricity proposal, all five turbines are visible to KIA's radar and would generate false returns, also known as clutter, on our radar displays. Air traffic controllers are required to avoid clutter to provide a safe air traffic control service."

If proposals go ahead and the turbines are built, they would reportedly bring clutter into airspace near the Dover radio navigation beacon.

Controllers would accordingly have to limit the radar service, leaving

pilots to fend for themselves, or instead pilots would need to fly around the turbines, increasing the length of their flight.

This would cause a rise in carbon emissions, as well as congestion in airspace which is already busy with traffic heading to and from the London airports.

Mr Clarke said: "The Civil Aviation Authority does not endorse flying around wind farms as an alleviation of the effects of clutter, as this gives rise to less efficient airspace use."

"In addition, if our air traffic control service flexibility is compromised by

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COUPLE ARE ALL AT SEA OVER WIN

Alan and Ann Beal had more reason to be happy than most of the 3,000 satisfied visitors who attended the highly successful Kent Travel & Leisure Show at Cruise Terminal 2 in Dover.

The couple, from Sandwich, scooped the trip of a lifetime - courtesy of Fred Olson Cruises, which offered a 14-day cruise in a prize draw.

They have decided a trip to the Canary Islands next year would be the perfect way to celebrate their 40th wedding anniversary, also scheduled for 2009.

Alan, who works as a caretaker at the town's Guildhall said: "We were actually thinking of booking a cruise. At first I didn't believe we had won as we have received hoax calls about competition wins."

"But this time the voice said 'I think you will really want to hear this', so I listened. It was unbelievable to win."

Both Alan and Ann enjoyed the event hugely - but almost didn't go.

"I'd booked a gliding lesson for Alan," said Ann. "But the weather intervened and it was postponed. So we went to the show instead - and what a good decision that turned out to be."

For a full interview with Alan and Ann as they talk to Julie Maddox, go to www.yourkenttv.co.uk.



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New Calais mayor: 'No Sangatte 2'

■ BY NICK AMES

THE new mayor of Calais has vowed to block plans for a camp in the town for asylum seekers looking to come into Britain through the Port of Dover and the Channel Tunnel.

Right-winger Natacha Bouchert pledged to end the move, which was proposed originally by Communist mayor Jacky Henin.

But following this month's election Mme Bouchert – a supporter of Conservative French President Nicolas Sarkozy – ousted M Henin, ending 37 years of Communist control of Calais.

The outgoing mayor has said the centre – dubbed by critics 'Sangatte II' after they claimed the original camp acted as a magnet for refugees – was necessary on humanitarian grounds.

But it was opposed by the French government and Conservative MPs in the UK.

A spokesman for Mme Bouchert said: "She [the new mayor] has absolutely no intention of defying the Government.

"One of the reasons the Communists lost Calais was because people were sick of their plans to make the town a more attractive destination for migrants.

"Security is now being stepped up in the port and everything is being done to discourage people from using Calais as a route into Britain."

M Henin's plans included a series of bungalows containing showers, canteens and medical facilities for the hundreds of asylum seekers living rough in and around the town.

Many congregate in a disused central square near the river, while



ON HIS WAY: Jacky Henin, the former mayor of Calais, said a new camp was needed

others live in woods surrounding the town where makeshift camps have been built.

M Henin told Yourdover when he made his proposal: "How do they live? In the most terrible and unbearable misery and human distress."

But Mme Bouchert said: "The issue of illegal immigrants is a major headache for Calais. The problem must be dealt with for the good of the people of Calais and the welfare of the immigrants themselves."

President Sarkozy oversaw the closure of the original Sangatte in 2002 during his time as Minister of the Interior after a deal was reached with his then British counterpart, David Blunkett.

A spokesman for his ruling Union For A Popular Movement party said: "The French government is absolutely delighted with this development."

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Parking rule change

BIG changes to parking enforcement are on their way as new regulations come into effect at the end of the month.

Under new rules there will be two different levels of penalty charges which will depend on the seriousness of the offence.

Holding up traffic or causing danger to other road users will carry a penalty of £70, whereas a less serious breach of rules will result in a £50 fine.

The new Civil Parking Enforcement Regulations come into effect on March 31.

Tour ancestors' past

HISTORY lovers can follow in the footsteps of their ancestors during a tour of Dover Castle.

The Lives, Loves And Legends tour visits the characters of the past 20 centuries in the ancient fortress.

Visitors can enjoy a glass of Pimms at Admiralty Lookout before being led by guides around the castle.

The tours take place from 6.15pm to 8.15pm on Saturdays from March 29 to May 31.

Tickets are £14 per person or £10 for under-18s and English Heritage members. Booking is essential.

For tickets, phone 01304 211067.

New visitors' guide

A NEW multi-media tourism campaign has been launched to promote White Cliffs Country.

The visitor guide has been updated with up-to-date information about the area, and Dover District Council has created video clips which give viewers a look at what they can do in the district.

This can be seen on the website www.whitecliffscountry.org.uk.

Cllr Frederick Scales, Dover council cabinet member for economy, said: "We are proud to promote a warm welcome for visitors to White Cliffs Country."

"We have an impressive range of attractions, a world-class heritage and a wonderful choice of places to stay."

Did you see chase?

POLICE are trying to find witnesses to an incident in which officers chased a car along Maison Dieu Road, Dover.

The green Rover had been seen aggressively overtaking two unknown vehicles also travelling on that road at 7.25pm on Monday, February 25.

Although one of the vehicles pulled over after police had stopped the Rover, the female driver left before any details were taken.

Phone PC James Chenery at Dover police station on 01304 240055.

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Smoking ban not working for this club

DOVER Working Men's Club is suffering a lack of business following the introduction of the smoking ban, but workers are adamant that it's staying open.

As the only working men's club in Dover, business used to be thriving, but now the ban is firmly in place bar staff are worried it could spell the end for the men's club culture.

Chris Aherne, one of the committee members, said: "We're definitely not closing, but we've been suffering a lack of business for a while now."

"Just last Monday all we took was £22 in one evening and that's from 7pm to 11pm – it's ridiculous to only make that amount."

"Since the smoking ban started last year, custom has dropped. People would rather buy some beers from the supermarket and go home, where they can smoke."

"Although we have no plans to

■ BY MARIJKE COX

close, it's so quiet in here now. It was not so bad in the summer because people don't mind going outside when it's warmer, but in the winter people would rather not stand in the cold to have a cigarette."

Working men's clubs were created in the 19th century in industrial areas of Great Britain to provide recreation for working-class men and their families.

They are a type of private social club and – although initially designed for men – women and children are now welcome as guests in every branch.

Kevin Smyth, general secretary at the Working Men's Club and Institute Union, said: "The smoking ban has had an effect on clubs – some clubs have noticed a 10 per cent drop in custom."

"Others have not seen a change, though, so it's difficult to come

up with a firm answer about the effect the ban has had."

"Many members haven't been going into the clubs if they're smokers as they don't want to stand outside in the cold. Hopefully that won't be such a problem as the weather improves."

"If people are really desperate for a cigarette and not prepared to go outside then the only alternative is for them to stop at home and that has obviously happened with a number of individuals."

"People's takings are down across the country."

The Dover Working Men's Club is one of those to have seen a big difference in takings since the ban came in, but workers are hopeful things will get better as the summer arrives.

Mr Aherne said: "The main thing is we don't want people to think we have closed. I took a call the other day from a woman wanting to book a function but thought we had closed."

"We are still open and hope to remain so in the future."



TOUGH TIMES: Manager Sharon Gatehouse (left) and barmaid Kirsty Beer at the Dover Working Men's Club, where the smoking ban has led to a considerable drop in takings

QE2 in near miss

A P&O ferry narrowly avoided a collision with world-famous cruise-liner the QE2 in the Strait of Dover.

An investigation into the incident found the crew of the passenger ferry Pride of Kent had to act quickly when the luxury liner failed to give way.

The Marine Accident Investigation Branch stated in a report that the QE2, travelling from Zeebrugge to Southampton on December 15, was required to give way but failed to do so.

The P&O ferry had to slow its speed to allow the cruise ship to pass just over half a mile ahead.

In the report it said it was clear there was going to be a "close-quarters situation".

Ferry fails test over fire safety

A P&O freight carrier has failed one of its onboard safety checks.

The European Seaway, which carries 200 passengers and 120 lorries, was inspected by the Maritime and Coastguard Agency (MCA) at the end of February.

Despite passing parts of the safety assessment, the fire drill procedures were marked as sub-standard, so another inspection must take place.

A spokesman at the MCA said: "The P&O freight ferry European Seaway was inspected by Maritime and Coastguard Agency surveyors on February 26."

"It was considered that some areas of the fire drill procedures were not up to the required standard."

"These issues were discussed with the captain and the crew and it was agreed that they would be addressed by further training for the crew on board."

"The vessel will be re-inspected by surveyors at a later date to ensure that the changes have been implemented."

Although the ship was unsuccessful in its fire drill procedure,

the vessel is still able to travel.

The spokesman at the MCA said: "The Maritime and Coastguard Agency set high standards of safety aboard vessels."

"They would never allow a vessel to proceed following an inspection if the surveyor in charge was not confident that safety standards had been met and any deficiencies had been successfully rectified."

A spokeswoman at P&O Ferries said that although part of the MCA drill was unsuccessful this did not mean the ship had failed the assessment all together.

She stated that the drill was set at a very high standard and that a reassessment would be taking place shortly.

"All our ships meet MCA requirements, but we'll always look for learning opportunities, which can lead to follow-up audits. What's important is that we constantly re-evaluate procedures."

Although the ship is at a high enough standard to travel, an MCA surveyor will have to revisit the ferry to make sure the fire drill procedure has improved.

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NEWS IN BRIEFFerry good advice on
French destinations

P&O FERRIES is offering 10 top tips for places to explore this spring.

Each destination is just a short drive from the ferry terminal in Calais and covers a range of activities.

Families can enjoy the International Kite Festival in Berck sur Mer, which runs from April 5-13, or Nausicaa in Boulogne, one of the world's top sea-life centres.

For history lovers, P&O Ferries recommends exploring the battle site at Agincourt.

Other wartime history can be found at the rocket museum La Coupole, near St Omer, or in the cobbled town of Arras.

For a fun day out for the family, the Passion d'Aventure park south of Calais in Guignes promises high-adrenaline thrills.

Families who want to enjoy the coastline or countryside can visit Arena, the World of Dunes at Ecault, or the regional park of Scarpe Escaut, near Valenciennes.

Other countryside walks include those at the scenic Cap Gris-Nez.

For more information on places to go, accommodation or crossings, visit www.POferry.com, or phone P&O Ferries on 08716 646464.

Now disabled can text
emergency services

THOSE with speech or hearing impediments can now text the emergency services for help.

People can send a text starting with the word 'police', 'medic', or 'rescue', followed by their message to obtain immediate help.

Assistant Chief Constable Steve Harris said people with disabilities could alert 999 crews without the "problems that could be linked to conventional methods".

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You can get a taste of life
at historic Dover College

Web cook-a-long gives you the dish of the day

■ BY JULIE MADDOCKS

THE opportunity to cook alongside a top restaurant chef in your own home doesn't come along every day of the week.

Well – now it does, thanks to a new series of features on our free broadband TV channel www.yourkenttv.co.uk.

We sent a video crew along to a top restaurant to learn how to cook one of its best-loved dishes – and now you can log-on and cook-a-long too.

We know that fish is good for us, and that we should eat a lot more of it.

It's an excellent source of protein, vitamins and minerals, and oily fish is particularly nutritious containing high levels of the fatty acid, omega-3.

However, it doesn't change the fact that even some of the most experienced in the kitchen, find the idea of cooking it daunting.

We're blessed with an abundance of fresh

seafood here in Kent, with some of the best being hauled into quayside markets. One of these is based in the big shed on Whitstable quay, with the Crab & Winkle Restaurant directly above it.

Head chef at the restaurant is Ben Walton, whose passion for all things edible from the sea, comes from his training in a Relais & Chateaux-listed seafood restaurant on the coast of Normandy, France.

This invaluable experience led him to work in some of the country's premier kitchens, and he now runs his own in Whitstable, but what made him choose this corner of Kent?

He explained: "It's a beautiful place. As a chef it's important to be close to the source of the product you're cooking."

"We get lovely fish here, and we're associated with the fish market downstairs. We can go down and see what the fishermen are bringing

in, we're a little bit spoilt on what we can lay our hands on."

So why is it that so many people are nervous of cooking this essential ingredient?

"They don't know what to do with it," says Ben, "to begin with we should always try and keep it simple."

"If you're worried about bones, get the fishmonger to fillet it properly for you."

So, is it really that difficult to cook?

Ben agreed to let me into his busy kitchen to try my hand at cooking one of the restaurant's headline dishes – pan-fried mackerel with a warm bacon and potato salad.

With a quick outline from Ben, the recipe seemed relatively straightforward.

But is there an essential tip he could help us with when making the meal at home?

"When cooking, try and err on the side of caution," Ben warned, "don't over cook it, there's nothing worse than dried-out fish."

Log-on to www.yourkenttv.co.uk to cook the dish for yourself.



...AND THIS IS HOW TO DO IT

If you want to try it for yourself, log onto www.yourkenttv.co.uk and cook-along with Ben Walton from the Crab & Winkle.

We will be visiting some of the leading restaurants in the county, guided through recipes, preparation and cooking of culinary delights.

The ingredients you need to cook-a-long with our very own Julie Maddocks are below. To find the clip search for 'Maddocks'.

MACKEREL, BACON AND POTATO SALAD (to feed 4)
4 large mackerel fillets
100g bacon
300g new potatoes (cooked)
300g green leaf vegetables (eg. broccoli, cabbage)
4 sprigs fresh thyme
Juice of two lemons
100ml olive oil
100g butter
White pepper
Flaked sea salt



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YOU CAN HELP: It is up to every single one of us to do our bit to protect the Earth for future generations

Join the Saturday night switch-off and help save our planet

MAJOR landmarks across the country will be plunged into darkness on Saturday as part of an international campaign to raise awareness of global warming.

Earth Hour strikes at 8pm on Saturday – and for one-hour businesses, historic sites, and homes will turn off non-essential lighting.

And this newspaper urges all our readers to show solidarity with the campaign and switch off their lighting for 60 minutes.

Created to take a stand against 'the greatest threat our planet has ever faced', Earth Hour will roll out across the world with a host of major cities committing to the campaign.

Driving awareness of Earth Hour locally is commercial radio station Invicta FM. It has transformed March into 'Green Month' with a series of special features to encourage people to alter their lifestyles.

Marketing manager Richard Roberts explained: "We want people to realise that by making slight changes to the way they live, they can make a real difference to protecting the environment."

"It's easy to do and it's the right thing to do."

"We know turning the lights off for an hour will not change the world, but it is a symbol-

■ BY NICK AMES

ic gesture to raise awareness of some key issues which effect us all."

Among those landmarks flicking the off-switch will be Canterbury Cathedral, Bluewater shopping complex, Gillingham FC's Priestfield stadium, the University of Kent, Strawberry Moons nightclub in Maidstone and the offices of KOS Media – publishers of this newspaper.

And it is hoped thousands of homes will join in too.

Added Mr Roberts: "Almost half of the UK's carbon dioxide emissions, the main greenhouse gas which causes climate change, actually come from the things we do every day. Things like leaving lights on unnecessarily or overfilling the kettle all waste energy and result in needless carbon dioxide emissions."

One of Invicta FM's stunts saw breakfast show co-host James Heming buy a £500 van and convert it to running on chip fat – provided by the county's fish 'n' chip shops. He took it on a tour of the county and then all the way to the capital of France – Paris.

• **Join in Earth Hour this Saturday – March 29 – by turning lights off from 8pm until 9pm.**

Watch DJ James head green drive

If you missed seeing Invicta FM star James Heming cruising the county in his chip fat-powered yellow van – never fear, simply log-on to our free, broadband TV channel www.yourkenttv.co.uk.

Before embarking on his trip to France as part of the station's Green Month, he called into the offices of this newspaper to let us know how we can change our lifestyles to help protect the environment.

To see the interview and the van in action, go to www.yourkenttv.co.uk and search for 'Invicta'.

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Labour MP's anger at cancer deportation

GWYN PROSSER has hit out at his government's decision to deport a Ghanaian woman dying of cancer.

Ama Sumani, 39, died after being sent back to Ghana from her hospital bed in Cardiff following a decision to deport her for over-staying her UK visa.

She was being treated for a malignant myeloma but could not afford to continue the dialysis when she returned home and passed away, leaving two children.

Lin Homer, chief executive of the Border and Immigration Agency, said judicial rulings had shown deporting people having medical treatment was not considered inhumane.

Dover and Deal MP Mr Prosser, a member of the Home Affairs Select Committee, said: "Labour has put in place some pretty bold measures to control our borders and enforce our immigration laws over the last 10 years."

"We've always been proud to balance firmness with fairness. But Ama Sumani was not treated fairly. The forced removal of a woman dying of cancer lacks human compassion and I'm ashamed a Labour government has allowed such a thing to happen."

Snappers submit their picture-perfect entries

BUDDING photographers have taken part in the Eurotunnel Trophy Photographic Competition.

Hosted by the Canterbury Photographic Society, members of the Canterbury, Deal and District Camera Club, Folkestone Camera Club and Gateway Club in Dover took part. The Isle of Thanet Photographic Society also joined the competition to make it a five-way battle.

Each club submitted four prints and four digital images, which were judged by Kent photographer Chris Shore.

The Gateway Camera Club came out as winners, with Deal a close second.

Money to help children to get on their bikes

A CASH boost is being given to Kent to provide cycle training to 350 schoolchildren by March 2009.

The funding comes after a Government announcement that one part of a £3 million national package would be used to give up to half a million 10- to 11-year-olds in the country cycle training.

Kent's Labour spokesman for children and families, Cllr Clive Hart, said: "I'm delighted with this Government initiative that will encourage young people to enjoy healthier lifestyles and help battles against obesity and traffic congestion in Kent."

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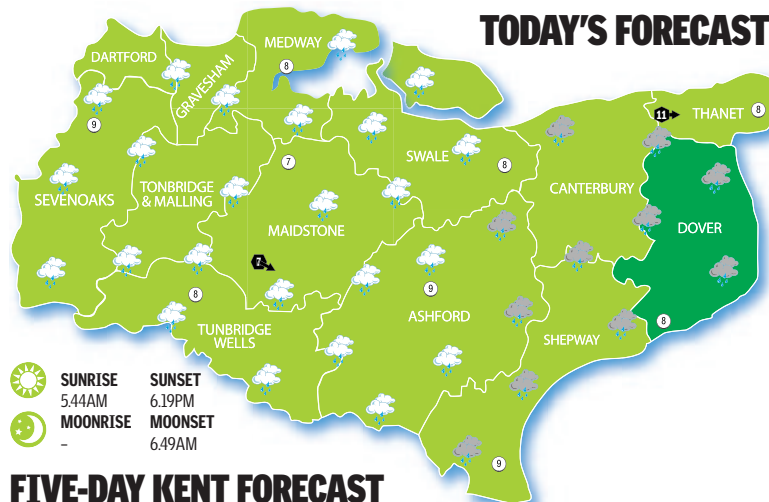


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Dover	Saturday	1:56pm	5.9m
	Sunday	2:30pm	5.7m
Dungeness	Saturday	2:09pm	6.8m
	Sunday	2:45pm	6.5m
Ramsgate	Saturday	2:26pm	4.5m
	Sunday	3:00pm	4.3m
Sheerness	Saturday	3:36pm	5.3m
	Sunday	4:09pm	5.0m
Whitstable	Saturday	3:39pm	4.9m
	Sunday	4:10pm	4.7m



AROUND THE WORLD YESTERDAY

Amsterdam	3°C	Madrid	13°C
Athens	19°C	New York	5°C
Barcelona	16°C	Paris	5°C
Beijing	12°C	Rome	11°C
Bombay	32°C	Sydney	25°C
Cape Town	26°C	Tenerife	17°C
Cardiff	8°C	Tokyo	9°C
Gibraltar	17°C	Vancouver	10°C
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Gillingham	7°C	7°C	9°C	11°C	10°C	Tun Wells	7°C	8°C	10°C	10°C	11°C

Fears that objection over wind farm will be appealed against

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the turbines, it will limit the airport's ability to provide additional aviation capacity in south-east England in the future."

Mr Clarke said that, despite discussions with Ecotricity, the energy company had not introduced any proposals which KIA believed would lessen the effects of the wind farm on its air traffic control service.

Anthony Hyde, chairman of the Langdon Action Group fighting the turbines, is concerned that if the Ecotricity application fails because of the KIA objection the decision will be appealed against anyway.

He said: "This is a major objection by KIA and a strong argument that can be used against the development. But the problem is that even if Ecotricity's application fails it will just appeal and that can take up to a year due to the backlog of planning cases."

"Another problem is the Government wanting to meet climate change targets. They may well look at the greater public nationally rather than the local effect the turbines will have on us."

"But the turbines will only work 22 to 25 per cent of the time and the cost, which comes out of taxpayers' money, is enormous."

Ecotricity emphasised KIA would have been one of its main consultees when the project was mooted.

A source within the company added: "Radar systems should be well able to cope with turbines. After all, they are static and so they can be plotted on to charts."

"There are many instances of turbines near airports and it does not cause a problem."

More than 800 letters opposing the turbines had been submitted to Dover council's planning department by the closing date in January.

If built, the turbines will overshadow the communities of East and West Langdon, Guston, Martin and Martin Mill.

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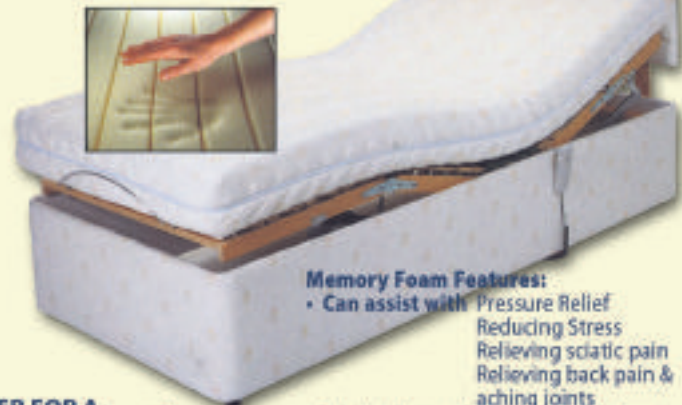
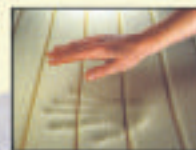


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QUESTION & ANSWER

ROGER WALKDEN



Q Who or what brought you to Dover?

A Buying a guest-house back in 1994 brought us to Dover – the best move we ever made. I'd worked for NatWest Bank in London at their computer-centres for over 24 years and so wanted a change – how I wish I'd done it earlier.

Q What are your favourite things about living here?

A The history, with all the historic sites, museums and attractions, especially the castle. Also hidden gems like Crabble Corn Mill, the coast, including the iconic White Cliffs, the beautiful countryside and cliff-top walks, the potential and some great people.

Q If you could change anything about the area what would it be?

A I'd probably change the 'No Can Do' attitude to a 'Can Do' one. We need to find ways to do more things, to effect change, not find ways to stop them.

Q Can you tell me a bit about the Dover Loyalty Scheme?

A The Dover Loyalty Scheme has just under 50 members. People can register for a free loyalty card at any of the members' establishments, plus many others around town. Then with that card, they can visit any of our members and obtain whatever discount they are offering when they show their loyalty card – no cost, just great discounts.

The registration form asks for name, address, telephone number and email address – the email address is most important as I then put that on an email address group and send round occasional blind emails about members' offers, new members and anything I think will interest them.

For the member businesses, we put an advert in the local paper – they're a featured business on the website www.doverloyaltyscheme.co.uk, on posters that are in each member's establishment to give to their customers, on the back of the loyalty cards themselves so people will instantly know who is a member.

I also offer a service where I can create a poster for their business, which is attached to the emails. I can do a launch for new businesses – to get them off of the ground and into the papers, to give their business a boost when they need it most – at the beginning. A pretty comprehensive all-round service for £4 a week – a far cry from its launch days, but there is still so much more I would like to do.

Q When and why was it set up?

A The Dover Loyalty Scheme was set up in October 2005 as a joint venture by estate agency Paul Browns of Dover and Town Centre Management. Its raison d'être was to encourage people to come back to Dover to shop, instead of going elsewhere. Dover's retail businesses are in a fairly fragile state and need all the support they can get – this was launched and intended to give them that support.

Q As a councillor, what aims do you have for the ward you represent?

A I'm a district councillor for the Maxton, Elmsvale and Priory Ward and want to raise the quality of life for people living here. There are some serious issues, of course, like there are in any ward or area, but we are getting there. We have Dover Priory station here, and that has had a lot of work already done, and there's lots more being done in the public realm areas – the station approach, Folkestone Road and the approach to the town. If people have any problems or concerns, I'm more than happy to listen and resolve them if I can.

Q Do you think the regeneration that is going on will make Dover a world-class town, or do you think there are other issues which need to be addressed?

A I think the regeneration is greatly needed and long overdue. Now that work has started in the DTIZ area, people will see the old Stagecoach building and the multi-storey car park being knocked down – they really will see that things are actually happening.

There are other issues that need to be addressed – the welfare of the businesses in Dover for one. The eye has been taken off the ground as regards to the town centre and the businesses, and the street scene needs more care, as do many town centre buildings.

Dover has a great future. I truly believe this, but in this transitional period the town needs looking after and at the moment no one is doing this.

District councillor Roger Walkden talks to **Marijke Cox** about the Dover Loyalty Scheme, his aims as a councillor and why the people of the town need to develop a 'can do' attitude toward the district

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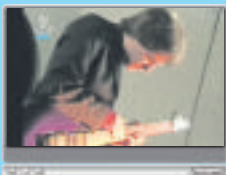


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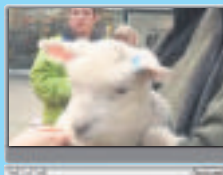
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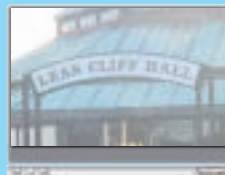
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Maidstone shoppers at Fremfins Walk meet some real Easter rabbits and other animals.



More than 120 youngsters want to be part of this year's Community Theatre Project in Folkestone – the musical Annie.

EDITOR'S CHOICE

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Cheetah on the hunt in Kent countryside

BY NICK AMES

THE first cheetah to be allowed to run through the English countryside made its debut during the Easter weekend.

Nine-month-old Boumani – which means warrior in the language of its native Malawi – became the first big cat in the UK to demonstrate how these magnificent animals hunt in the wild.

The cheetah is the latest addition to the menagerie at Eagle Heights wild animal rescue centre just outside Eynsford on the North Downs.

The animal – native to the plains of Africa – is already attracting a following of fans, and wildlife experts hope he can be “an ambassador for his species”, raising awareness of the plight of these endangered animals.

Jonathan Ames has been training Boumani, who arrived in the UK from a zoo in Germany.

He said: “He came here six months ago and has been around people ever since. He is obviously not fully grown, but it is starting to develop muscles and speed.

“At the moment he is not as quick as he will be when an adult – cheetahs have been timed at being able to go from 0 to 70mph in just three seconds.

“Because of the quarantine laws this has been the first week we have allowed him to go outside – and he has really taken to the countryside.”

Boumani’s “best pal” since arriving in this country has been black Lakeland terrier dog Mr T, and they both continue to play together.

As they knock each other around the cheetah retracts his sharp claws as far as he can.

But outside it is a different story as the big cat – tethered to a harness and static line – hunts down his food via a pulley system which drags along rabbit carcasses at speed.

“We have tried to recreate the hunting situation as closely as possible,” said Jonathan. “So a winch system pulls along a dead rabbit and Boumani gives chase.

“This will be the way we will demonstrate to visitors how a cheetah chases – it is the only such display in the country and the next best thing to a



PICTURES: PAUL HERRERT



SPEED: Like all cats, Boumani likes to get his tummy tickled

trip to Africa for those with an interest in wildlife.”

Visitors’ fees to Eagle Heights will also be contributing to cheetah charities which help to preserve the endangered species in its natural habitat.

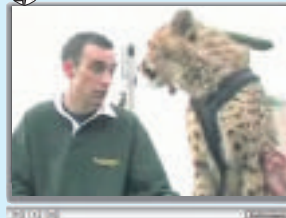
To see Boumani in action watch the video clip on www.yourkenttv.co.uk.

Eagle Heights also has birds of prey, snakes and lizards, and its other new attraction is a porcupine from Africa, for visitors to marvel at.

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Watch Boumani the cheetah chase down his dinner

Have you fallen into a pothole?

HIGHWAYS bosses have urged the public to report any potholes they find to help them assess damaged caused to the county’s roads during winter.

Anyone who can help is asked to dial 08458 247 800 and report highway defects direct. Callers will then be given a call reference number, which will enable them to track their report.

The county’s repairs workforce of 56 highways staff fix about 40,000 potholes and damaged road edges each year.

But highways chiefs say they can’t be everywhere at once, and rely on the support of communities and residents to report potholes and other defects.

Kent Highway Services head of community operations Kim Hills said: “Here in Kent we have one of the largest road networks of any authority in the UK, with a high proportion of rural roads.

“Potholes can form quickly, particularly during the winter months when surface and ground water can be extensive.

“It is important the public inform us when they discover a pothole, so we can deal with it as effectively as possible.”

Minister will let you live longer

THE Government intends to raise life expectancy across Kent by 18 months.

Setting out a new health strategy, the Regional Minister for the South East, Jonathan Shaw, said addressing the inequalities between Kent’s districts would lead to a rise in life expectancy.

The strategy identifies that Kent is generally healthier than the rest of the country, but there are significant differences in life expectancy between districts.

Male life expectancy is lower and the early death rate due to cancer is higher in Thanet than in Canterbury, Dartford, Dover, Shepway and Swale.

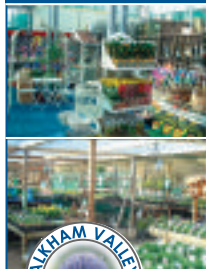
Although the proportion of adults who smoke in Kent is low, the figure for Thanet is higher than the national average.

In Medway, the picture is grim.

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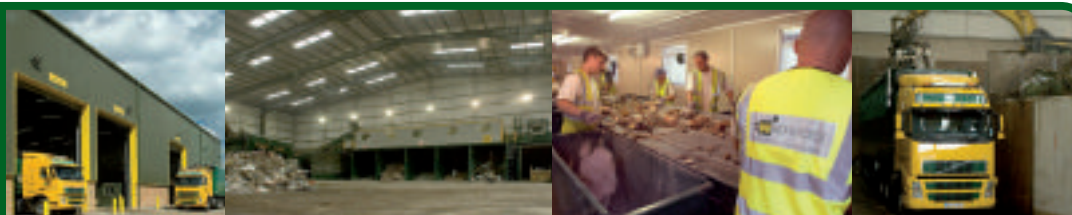
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BY JENNA PUDELEK

THE son-in-law of one of the 90 patients who died during super-bug outbreaks at hospitals in west Kent has since been campaigning tirelessly for improved hygiene and infection control.

Florrie Field, described by her family as a "very fit and active" 86-year-old, died from *Clostridium difficile* at Kent and Sussex Hospital in Tunbridge Wells after she contracted the highly infectious diarrhoea bug in May 2006.

Tony Charlton wrote a number of letters to Maidstone and Tunbridge Wells NHS Trust's management and the local press, which anticipated many of the findings of the Healthcare Commission's damning report published last October.

Delighted

This week he welcomed KOS Media's campaign to involve the whole of Kent in improving hygiene and infection control in healthcare centres and hospitals, and at home and places of work across the county.

"I was delighted to see the campaign in the Your midweek newspapers. At last I am optimistic on the hospital front and there have



AWARENESS: Tony Charlton, with wife Brenda, campaigning to support the hospital clean-up in a bid to prevent spread of infections like C diff, which killed Florrie Field (right) when she was 86

been tremendous strides there [at the trust]. "I have always said that the staff wanted to do the right thing but needed the support and encouragement of management.

"There is obviously a long way to go to defeat these awful diseases, but the will is clearly now there.

"Now is the time to minimise these infections, because it isn't just a problem in hospitals.

"These infections are everywhere – they are just bound to hit the vulnerable in hospitals," he said.

Mr Charlton has been in regular contact with the Health Secretary Alan Johnson, who last week lent his backing to KOS Media's campaign, since meeting him at Maidstone Hospital in the wake of the health watchdog's report.

He said Mr Johnson's letters had always been open and frank, and that he had shown



a determination to beat the bugs not seen in his predecessors.

Mr Charlton, who lives in East Sussex with his wife Brenda, said the one thing he was concerned about was the prevalence of alcohol hand gel in hospitals.

While alcogel kills MRSA, only soap and water removes *C diff* spores.

He believed the prominence of the gel lulled people into a false sense of security about hand hygiene.

"What will work is good general hygiene – frequent hand washing with soap and water, clean clothes and avoiding visiting a hospital patient if you feel under the weather yourself," he said.



THUMBS-UP: New 512-bed Pembury Hospital

Final approval for £227m new hospital

THE Government has finally given the go-ahead to a £227 million Private Finance Initiative hospital planned for west Kent.

Maidstone and Tunbridge Wells NHS Trust is celebrating after the Secretary of State for Health Alan Johnson gave final approval for the scheme in the House of Commons on Tuesday last week.

Mr Johnson was responding to a question from Tunbridge Wells Tory MP Greg Clark, who has been campaigning and lobbying Government over the need for the new hospital since he was elected in 2005.

World-class

Glenn Douglas, the trust's chief executive, said: "Pembury Hospital will set a new standard in NHS care.

"Local people have waited a long time for this fantastic news and we look forward to the day when the doors of this world-class building open in three years' time."

The 512-bed PFI hospital will be the first NHS acute hospital in the country to have all inpatient single rooms with en-suite facilities.

Mr Douglas was happy to announce that work was expected to start within weeks.

The state-of-the-art hospital will be seven storeys high and provide a full range of services, including planned and emergency surgery, orthopaedics, a women and children's centre and day case theatres and outpatient services, the trust said.

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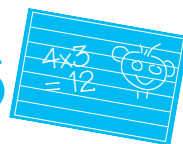
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River children co-operate at store opening



IT'S OFFICIAL: Youngsters from River primary school cut the ribbon for the opening of the refurbished Co-Op

■ BY MARIJKE COX

PUPILS from River primary school became stars for a day when they opened the new-look Co-op store.

Children from the school cut the ribbon at the shop in River, which has just had a £250,000 makeover.

Store manager Wendy Topping is delighted that the local school was involved in the launch.

She said: "As a community retailer it is appropriate that we involve the community in our special events and we are delighted our school is playing a central role in the relaunch of our store."

As well as being chosen to open the shop, pupils were presented with a donation of £200 by the store manager to go towards school funds.

The new-look Co-op has been under refurbishment to create a smart new place to shop for the local community.

As well as featuring The Co-operative Group's new identity, The Co-operative, which hopes to show the improved quality of

service, the store has been transformed with a modern layout.

New shelving has been put in and eco-friendly refrigeration will be used throughout.

Wendy said: "We provide a much-valued service and I am confident the new-look store will meet the daily food shopping needs of the community. The improved store will be a real asset."

"In addition, in the best traditions of The Co-operative, it will make its contribution to community life."

A wider selection of beers and wines will be available at the Lower Road store, along with lottery and paypoint services.

Fairtrade products will feature, as well as fresh food and its own health and beauty range. Goods bought in the Co-op carry 'honest labelling', which gives the full facts about food and drink.

Degradable bags will also be available for customers to carry their shopping home.

All the old shop fittings from the store have been donated to the Crabble Corn Mill Trust.

Ant Reid, who is general manager at the mill, said: "We just want to say thank you to the Co-op."

"We're really pleased with everything they've donated – it really is appreciated."

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BREAK TIME

Schools converge for cross-country race

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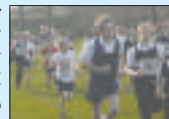
The Mayor of Dover attended the Dover College junior department cross-country run on Monday, March 17, to present the new Mayor's Shield to the winners.

Wingham School scored the most points overall and went home with the prize.

Dover College head-teacher Stephen Jones said: "We are very grateful for the support of so many for this event."

The run was meant to take place on March 10 but was postponed until the following week due to wet weather.

Mr Jones said: "We were very lucky the weather settled and pleased so many schools could come at such short notice."



Merger offers more choice to students

TWO schools in Deal are merging sixth forms to allow students a greater choice of subjects.

Walmer Science College and Castle Community College sixth forms will join this year, with recruitment beginning in September.

Andrew Milliken, director of post-16 education, said: "It's a very exciting development for young people in Walmer and Deal."

"I believe it will offer students more opportunity and a wider choice of options to help them maximise their potential."

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The low-quality booze that makes our youngsters sick

THE latest example of the nanny state is more warnings against drinking – the number of alcohol-related admissions to accident and emergency departments has gone up 26 per cent since pubs were allowed to open when they like.

According to figures recently made public, more than 162,000 people showed up with some sort of injury after being the worse for drink.

These sorts of statistics ring alarm bells for sure – but let's take a look at what is almost certainly behind the figures.

I cannot be sure – but wouldn't it be pretty likely that a lot of these people are either underage drinkers or teenagers who fall over at the first sip of some ghastly alcopop brew.

The so-called binge-drinking debate has just got completely out of hand.

Even a few years ago, the issue was never brought up and it was considered right and proper to sink more than a few pints when football

was on down the pub. And an evening out with some beers and a meal with wine was the norm.

Then there are the constant health scares. What was it last week? Oh yes, I remember. Wine damages the brain by shrinking it – and so does beer and spirits.

This is according to some researchers in Germany who must have based their findings on the fact you must be stupid if you choose to drink some of their country's awful sweet wines.

But the debate cannot be so easily dismissed due to its high profile in the media.

So let's look at the root of the problem – oh yes it's young people, sorry 'yoo', again.

They are the ones who are so frequently pictured passed out in the street or in court for alcohol-related criminal activities.

It's not the people who have always enjoyed a drink – it's newcomers to the benefits or otherwise of alcohol who do not know how to take it.

We constantly hear about the so-called café society of France, Italy etc where young people drink responsibly. Maybe they are taught to do it as they will have a glass of wine or a bottle of beer with food to start with.

Then they may move on to quality products which have taste, texture and an air of sophistication in their presentation.

Not so our young people here. They usually start on some rubbish product marketed in an annoying – not to say aggressive – manner.

Who can blame them if they don't want to savour the taste of some sickly concoction advertised as a fruit-based drink but consisting largely of sugar, E numbers and chemicals?

Likewise beer. Not many young drinkers enjoy the pleasures of real ale – instead they go for the mass-produced fizzy rubbish which flows out of pub pumps and is a poor reproduction of proper bottled lager.

So maybe the fault is not with our young drinkers totally. It's with the companies who put the products on the shelves.

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THE 2008 Hard Rock Calling concerts in Hyde Park, London June 28 and 29 which are presented by Hard Rock International have announced this year's headline artists.

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The Police, following their hugely successful world tour, are to headline on Sunday, June 29 with special guests KT Tunstall and Starsailor, again with more acts to be added to the bill.

Eric Clapton's career has endured for more than 40 years, resulting in 18 Grammy Awards and he has earned the distinct honour of being the only triple inductee into the Rock & Roll Hall of Fame. Considered one of the world's finest guitarists, Clapton was a member of such seminal rock bands as Cream and Blind Faith as well as being highly recognised for his solo work. His recently released autobiography quickly became one of the best-selling rock memoirs of all time.

Over the course of her career, Sheryl Crow has collaborated with everyone from The Rolling Stones to Kid Rock to Willie Nelson. She has won countless awards (including nine Grammy Awards) and she has sold over 10 million albums worldwide. Sheryl continues writing new music and her latest album Detours (which is also her sixth studio record) came out on February 18. Detours is lyrically the most politically and personally outspoken record of her career, addressing the current state of the world from different perspectives as well as some of the personal challenges she's faced over the last few years.

During their time together The Police (Sting, Stewart Copeland and Andy Summers) had five

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number one albums, a succession of top 10 singles, received six Grammy Awards and two Brits. The band reformed last year, playing their first live performances in the UK since 1983, to widespread critical acclaim. These sold out UK dates were part of The Police world tour.

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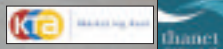
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TALK TIME

JOHN GOODWIN

John Goodwin is a Labour councillor at Dover District Council – his ward is Tower Hamlets



Who or what brought you to Dover?

Work, originally. I come from Sandwich and wanted to get on the property ladder – Dover was affordable and Sandwich wasn't.

What is your favourite thing about the area?

I'm a history fan, so all the historical sites, but the castle stands out, the seafront and the fact that from virtually anywhere in Dover, within 10 minutes you can get out of the town and walk in fresh air and countryside.

Is there anything you don't like about the area?

Yes! The lack of leisure facilities and things to do, especially for our youngsters.

If you could change anything, what would it be?

I would enforce the litter and dog-fouling laws and if I was in charge I would double, no triple, the £50 dog-fouling fine. This summer my friends are coming over from America and later in the year a larger group are coming here for a day or two – I love living in Dover, but I do have one problem: when I show our guests around, the amount of dog-fouling is not only embarrassing but disgusting. I have started a campaign in my district council ward of Tower Hamlets to try to do something about it. Only 28 per cent of councils fine owners who let their dogs foul our pavements and green spaces – the fine is £50, but personally I would make it £200. Children can catch an infection called toxocara from dog mess, and in 2000 it was estimated that two per cent of children had this vile infection that can lead to blindness. Approximately 3000 children go to school in Tower Hamlets. Having dog bins will not stop people from letting their dogs foul, but it would help. We need to get people to clean up after their dog every time and we can stop this major problem.

YOUR LETTERS

Flats plan will lead to misery

The plans for 12 new flats in the hills behind Hythe should be immediately revised.

The access to this area is very difficult, the roads are narrow and the parking is non-existent.

Any large-scale development work would ensure misery for all local residents as their access will be awful when work is going on.

Paula Kineard
Hythe

Hardy is a great choice for Winnie

The choice of Robert Hardy to play Winston Churchill in the RAF memorial charity concert is an inspired one.

I saw him play the same role in a TV show and he was brilliant.

He is one of our best-loved actors and I can imagine no one better than him to fill the stage of the London Palladium.

Julia Mills
Folkestone

Beat the banana for fruity fun

I am writing to let your readers know that this year's Fruity Friday will be held on May 16 and to urge them to get involved.

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But as well as being a really worthwhile cause, Fruity Friday is also lots of fun. Whether you want to organise your own Beat the Banana! fun run or hold a 'guess how many berries'

competition, there are lots of ways you can take part.

For children in particular, Fruity Friday is a great way of learning about healthy eating and physical activity.

You can get a fund-raising pack by phoning 020 7343 4205 or by visiting www.fruityfriday.org.

Teresa Nightingale
World Cancer Research Fund

Operation Stack is just no joke

I know most things can be laughed at, but a site on the internet in favour of Operation Stack is just a joke too far.

This is the single most annoying thing which myself and many others – as regular commuters using a car – face. So I for one do not see anything to laugh at.

Phil Michaels
Sellingle

Lorry park is worth the pain

Last week's blog is surely not to be agreed with by the majority of people, for whom a lorry park to relieve the pressure on the M20 caused by the dreaded Operation Stack is a must.

All right, it may be annoying for some people who live nearby, but it has to be positioned somewhere.

And if the price of some minor inconvenience is free roads, I am all in favour.

Dave Hennessy
Folkestone

Let's win gold for smartening up

I have to write and agree with your correspondent who said it would be great to see the Olympic torch on its way through Dover.

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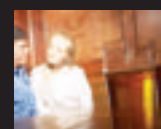
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But would the council take the opportunity to smarten up the town?

If the cameras of the world are on us, we really shouldn't be so scruffy.

Roger Hardy
Dover

Bad call by cricket club management

Can I just say what a short-sighted decision Kent County Cricket Club have made yet again?

They have decided to employ Justin Kemp, who is part of the rebel Indian Cricket League, which is not sanctioned by the International Cricket Council.

Now Kent must have known this may create problems when they made their signing – yet still ploughed ahead with it.

Kemp is admittedly a fine player, and I saw him in an amazingly destructive mood at Tunbridge Wells a few seasons ago.

But with all the problems they have had with players going away before the season ends because of international calls, why sign one who can't even start it?

Mike Jones
Dover

Give us back what is our property

I have heard that Kent County Council has reneged on its previous agreement to safeguard Folkestone Museum and make no changes until an agreement is made over its

future, whether at the library and/or another building.

Apparently the cabinet member has arbitrarily decided to give the go-ahead to a downsized and largely threadbare 'resource centre'.

This after agreeing in December last year to work with local people to find an alternative solution – also admitting having not consulted properly in the first place.

Further, KCC has not yet produced the Instrument of Transfer (IoT) from 1974 that supposedly changed ownership of all the collections from the old town council to the county body.

I suspect this has been lost and KCC dare not admit it, because if so its legal position would be pretty untenable.

I understand, though, that the cabinet member has supposedly agreed that the remaining collections will be maintained, rather than dispersed as planned, until another building can be found.

However, given the above swift stab-in-the-back this 'agreement' is surely just as worthless.

KCC would, in my view, be likely to drag its feet over helping to find another venue, eventually saying we cannot wait any longer and disperse the collections as originally intended.

Time, then, for the people of Folkestone to demand KCC rescind the arbitrary decision now, produce the original of the IoT, and work with no hidden agenda(s) to transfer ownership of what is morally the property of local people back to the new town council.

Further, working similarly with no delays, to help provide a venue worthy of our heritage.

Ray Duff
Folkestone

It doesn't deserve to be called a town

Sandgate should definitely be classified as a village rather than a town.

Whatever its somewhat pretentious residents think, it is nothing more than an appendage of Folkestone.

It may have a few antique shops, wine bars and bistros – but it has just as many junk shops and run-down drinking establishments.

To suggest it is a town – in the way places like Hythe or even Lydd are – is ridiculous.

To my mind and most of the people I know, it is a village and always will be.

Ryan Browne
Folkestone

We're Kensington-by-the-Sea

What a good idea of Sandgate to try to distance itself from dreary old Folkestone in a bid to give itself town status.

It is a far cry from what – despite many claims to the contrary – is a port town which has fallen on very hard times.

The Leas are still attractive, though – so maybe the whole of that side of the town could split away and call itself Sandgate Leas or some such name.

It could be an address to rival W11 – Kensington-by-the-Sea.

Melissa Hardy
Folkestone (Leas)

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ROBERT POWELL: A VICTORIAN CELEBRATION

Saturday, March 29

Trinity Theatre, Tunbridge Wells



ONE of Britain's most respected actors will be celebrating another national treasure at Trinity Theatre this weekend.

Robert Powell: A Victorian Celebration sees the acclaimed performer exploring the life and work of Charles Dickens, the creator of some of literature's most enduring characters. Through Dickens' letters and writings, along with those of his friends and contemporaries, Powell shines a light on the writer's fascinating life.

Recreating some of the most memorable scenes ever written, from the romantic to the macabre, the play is a funny and moving experience.

Dickens was born in Portsmouth in 1812, where his father worked as a clerk at the Royal Dockyard. The family moved to London and then Kent with his childhood in Chatham and Rochester inspiring much of his later work.

Award

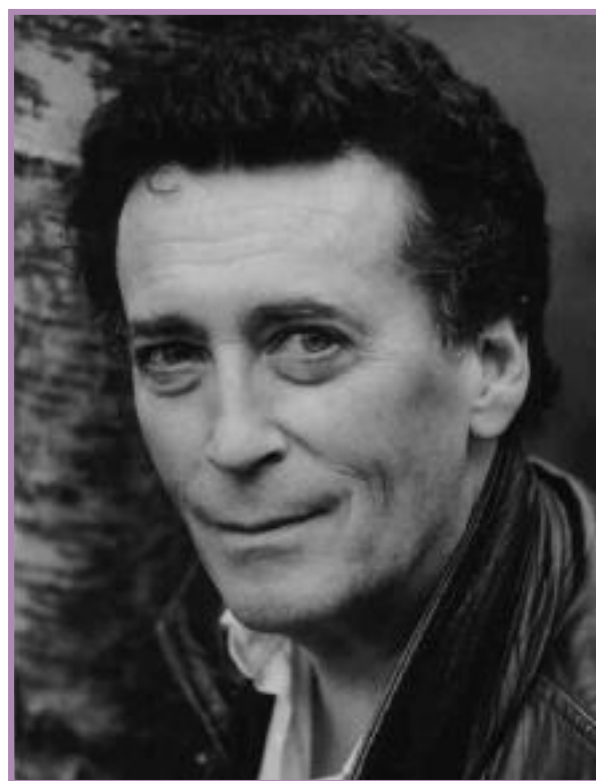
The lively and talented mimic was determined to build on his modest education, which ended at the age of 15, to eventually become a newspaper reporter. Dickens became a household name when his stories were published in instalments in newspapers and by the time he died in 1870, he had completed 14 novels.

Salford-born Robert Powell, 63, took up acting as an undergraduate at Manchester University. One of his earliest parts was as a driver in the original version of *The Italian Job*, but it was his role as scientist Toby Wren in the 1970 BBC series *Doomwatch* that was to make him a pin-up.

Powell followed this success with regular television roles and occasional film appearances, such as Mahler in 1974 and Ken Russell's *Tommy* the following year.

Perhaps the most iconic moment came with his BAFTA-nominated portrayal of Christ in the series *Jesus of Nazareth*. The cast also featured Sir Laurence Olivier, Christopher Plummer, Rod Steiger and James Mason, and Powell picked up the TV Times Best Actor award for his performance.

His leading role as Richard Hannay in the 1978 version of *The Thirty-Nine Steps* led to him reprising the part almost 10 years later in the TV series *Hannay*. Over the years he has won Best Actor awards at the Paris



and Venice Film Festivals and continued to enjoy a successful career in film, television and on the stage.

His distinctive voice has always been in demand for advertising campaigns, audio books and musical works. Earlier this year he acted as the Narrator in Prokofiev's *Peter and the Wolf*.

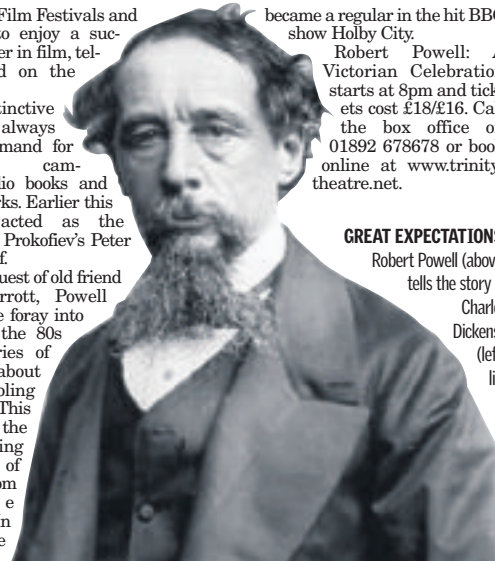
At the request of old friend Jasper Carrott, Powell made a rare foray into comedy in the 80s with a series of sketches about two bumbling policemen. This resulted in the pair filming five series of spin-off sitcom *The Detectives*. In 2005 he

became a regular in the hit BBC show *Holly City*.

Robert Powell: A Victorian Celebration starts at 8pm and tickets cost £18/£16. Call the box office on 01892 678678 or book online at www.trinity-theatre.net.

GREAT EXPECTATIONS:

Robert Powell (above) tells the story of Charles Dickens's (left) life

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Think Floyd's versions of Atom Heart Mother and Echoes are described as particularly superb. No live performance would be complete



without the iconic Dark Side of the Moon and The Wall, something no Pink Floyd fan should miss.

This summer the band will return to the Greek island of Rhodes for the third Lindos Floydfest, playing to Floyd fans from all over the world on the banks of the Aegean Sea.

The concert starts at 7.30pm and tickets cost £17.50. Call the box office on 0844 847 1776 or book online at www.leascliffhall.co.uk.

IAN PARKER

Saturday, March 29
Astor Theatre Arts Centre, Deal



WITH his bittersweet vocal style and harrowing guitar sound, Ian Parker knows how to connect with his audience.

Fast becoming Britain's best-loved blues/roots performer, Parker draws on an eclectic range of influences to produce his unique sound. Described as a relevant contemporary blues man, Parker made a big impression on audiences in Deal when he opened for Walter Trout two years ago.

Born in Birmingham in 1976, Parker was inspired to become a musician when he discovered The Beatles' Rubber Soul album in his parents' record collection. He bought his first guitar at the age of nine and has never looked back.

From forming a band with two school friends to recording an album with producer Matt Butler, who has worked with greats such as Sir Paul McCartney, Parker has become a literate and honest songwriter.

The concert, which has been rescheduled from February, starts at 8pm and tickets cost £10 in advance or £15 on the door. Call the box office on 01304 381134 or visit the website at www.astortheatre.co.uk for more booking information.

Find out more about Ian Parker online at www.ianparkermusic.com.

SPRINGTIDE CAVALRY

Wednesday, April 2
Zebra Bar, Maidstone

LOCAL heroes Springtide Cavalry will be performing their blend of melodic rock at Sounds@Zebra next week.

Hailing from the Folkestone and Canterbury area, the band was originally formed by friends Kevin Iverson and Chris Weeks. Kevin had enjoyed solo stints culminating in support slots for Paul Weller and Ocean Colour Scene, while Chris performed with various local outfits.

The Brit pop/mod feel gradually evolved into more edgy rock and then developed a more punky edge. With new drummer Andy Huckstedt firmly established in the band, Springtide Cavalry's sound is now described as somewhere between indie, rock and pop.



They are just as happy playing slow grooves as blasting the crowd with hard rock.

Having played all over the country, from mod rallies to rock festivals, this is a band that is in demand and on the up.

There will be support from Touriste and DirectionS (correct). The gig starts at 7.30pm and tickets cost £5 on the door. For more information log on to www.myspace.com/soundsatzebra.

DOVER LEISURE

Go back in time with a medieval banquet

RETURN to the days of clashing swords and damsels in distress for a medieval banquet in Dover.

Fancy dress is optional for the event, which will be held at Dover Town Hall in Biggin Street at 6.30pm on Saturday (March 29).

Tickets cost £30 including a four-course medieval banquet and mulled wine on arrival. For more information call 01304 201200.

Join your comrades at Gurkha music festival

THE Band of the Brigade of Gurkhas presents the ninth annual festival of music in Dover.

Special guests The Band of the Old Comrades will join in the concerts on Friday and Saturday. The festival will take place at The Nye Hall at The Duke of York's Royal Military School, at 8pm each evening, in aid of The Gurkha Welfare Trust and children with disabilities. Tickets cost £12/£10, concessions available. To book call 01304 366337.

Festival gets real dose of culture in Sandwich

MUSIC, dancing, art and other activities will be on offer during the Cultureart festival in Sandwich.

Various activities will be taking place at venues around the town from 1pm to 8.30pm on Saturday. The event has been organised by students from Sir Roger Manwood's School and Sandwich Technology School, in conjunction with Creative Partnerships Kent.

For more information and a timetable of events, visit the website at www.cultureart.org.uk.

There's still time to get Big Day Out tickets

THERE is still time to take advantage of free attraction tickets as part of the Kent Big Day Out on Saturday (March 29).

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yourmusic

Mysterious songwriter shares acoustic sounds

BY GARETH ARNOLD

DARK and eclectic singer songwriter Lupen Crook is featured on this week's *Ether* playing two acoustic tracks.

The *Ether* is the exclusive online showcase for the top local talent on our free, broadband TV site, www.yourkenttv.co.uk.

The idiosyncratic songwriter, who cultivates an air of mystery around his life and work, signed to Chatham-based record label Tap'n' Tin Records in 2005, the label which grew out of the popular Medway night-spot.

It released his latest album, *Iscariot The Ladder*, which prompted a great deal of interest in the music press. And it marks a significant departure from previous solo work.

Appearing as Lupen Crook And The Murderbirds, Crook's band add distorted guitar and rock drums to the mix on an album which, despite its obvious progression, has still garnered a great deal of praise.

And with a forthcoming mini-tour of New York booked for April, Crook is set to test how America will take his twisted, idiosyncratic approach to music.

The tunes combine folk and ska, and skiffle, as well as raucous gipsy folk and whiskey-soaked rockabilly, and often display huge dynamics reminiscent of The Pixies.

A Medway boy himself, Lupen Crook has long been a feature on the Kent music scene, playing in several local bands which gained moderate success.

Exploring grunge and rock psychedelia in Pet Burger and Bonsai Reservoir respectively, Lupen Crook And The Murderbirds are a very



IDIOSYNCRATIC SONGWRITER: Lupen Crook is about to embark on a New York tour plus a date in Canterbury

different proposition to Crook's previous work. Often described as haunting, the songs can also be almost disturbingly intense. Crook's lyrics and themes are more often than not a morbid examination of life's darker details.

This fascination with the macabre has prompted tongue-in-cheek comparisons with Edgar Allen Poe, including the suggestion that hearing the band was like listening to Edgar Allen Poe fronting The Cramps.

Crook has admitted that this influence

comes from growing up in the mixed and sometimes violent crucible of the Medway towns, with its chequered history and varied literary connections.

Before they head to New York, Lupen Crook And The Murderbirds have a few dates in London, as well as a slot at the Lounge On The Farm Festival near Canterbury.

For more information about the band, visit www.myspace.com/lupencrook and watch the interview with Crook at www.yourkenttv.co.uk.

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Eaterie is an historic place to be

■ Walnut Tree

THE historic Walnut Tree pub in the village of Aldington was built during the reign of Richard II.

It started as no more than a timber-framed wattle-and-daub hut with a thatched roof, but in the mid-15th century a small bedroom was added at a higher level – it was reached by ladder.

Ale was brewed on site in the 17th century and the inn grew in popularity.

But during the Napoleonic wars with France the village was the stronghold of the Aldington Gang – an infamous band of smugglers who roamed the marshes and shoreline.

High up on the southern side of the pub is a small window, through which the gang would shine a signal to their confederates on Aldington Knoll.



The ghost of George Ransley, a bygone smuggler, is reputed to haunt the inn and many strange happenings have been reported.

The Walnut Tree has an excellent restaurant which serves fine

food – sizzling grillstones, the oldest form of cooking meat on stones on the table.

The inn prides itself on home-cooked fare and Sunday roasts. It also has outside bars and a mar-

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Michelle Gregory is the owner of the business, which prides itself on its menu consisting of traditional home-cooked food and is located in The

Street, Newchurch, on Romney Marsh.

She said: "Mark the chef and his mother Ann run the kitchen and produce superb food."

"We have a relaxing ambience, well-trained, polite and courteous staff and an excellently priced menu."

"A lot of our customers are through word of mouth, which re-confirms our belief that our restaurant is excellent."

"The Newchurch House is relaxed, friendly and value for money."

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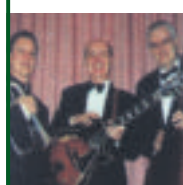
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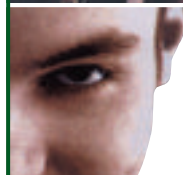
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Kylie's new perfume is made especially for you

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For more information on perfumes visit the store or see www.boots.com.

Clothes store offers men a sunny new style

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For more information, pop into your local store in Biggin Street, Dover, or visit www.burton.co.uk.

Easter gifts don't have to be made of chocolate

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Dress for less with this mid-season sale

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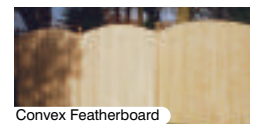
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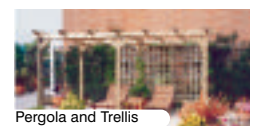
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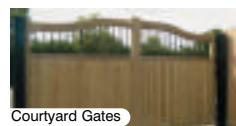
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BY PAUL MCGURK

THE skyline is pure science fiction – glinting spires, brash neon, vast skyscrapers, monuments which look as if they are about to take off and advertising dominating whole sides of buildings, in blinding light.

It's hard not to think of Ridley Scott's cityscapes in Blade Runner. Sipping a cocktail on the top floor of a hotel and looking down upon the bright lights, you might think you're watching a movie. But it's real.

This is Shanghai; vibrant powerhouse of new China, dazzling, ultra-modern and super-slick. It's difficult to believe that much of what you see in the Pudong area was built within the last 20 years.

The jewel in the crown of the high-rise city is the Oriental Pearl Tower. Its 'moon-base' spheres and javelin spire were created back in 1994, and it's the most arresting sight – but by no means the only sight – in the city.

Everywhere are symbols of design ingenuity and daring, making Shanghai one of the most architecturally innovative cities in the world.

A flavour of this taste for the new and bold can be gained from a ride on the MagLev (or magnetically levitating) train, the first such commercial line in the world. Running from Pudong International Airport to the centre of



SKYLINE: Shanghai looks like pure science fiction

the city, it reaches a mind-boggling 431kmph (268mph), turning the scenery into a blur.

The Pudong area is filled with hotels from which to explore the city and one of the best is the Shangri-La. Boasting widescreen views of the Huangpu River from the elegant rooms, the hotel has a number of high-end leisure facilities under its own roof, such as the Yi Cafe, with its 10 chef stations.

A cruise down the Huangpu gives you the best of both worlds in Shanghai, taking in the lights and modernity of Pudong on the east side and the grandeur of The Bund district in the west. At night the city comes alive, its glaring lights best savoured before 10pm on the top deck of the boat.

The Bund features traditional architectural glories from a pre-revolution, colonial era. Although neglected in some cases, buildings are being restored to their former splendour and the interiors can be stunning, such as HSBC Bank's opulent marble-floored main chamber.

In and around The Bund are other insights into street-level Shanghai, from quaint bric-a-brac shops and open-air exercise apparatus in the streets (apparently, to keep the population healthy and out of hospitals), to the rows of laundry festooning beautiful facades.

With Expo 2010 bound for Shanghai following the Beijing Olympics this year, the city's evolution is set to continue. There is little doubt it is one of the fastest-growing, most exciting cities on Earth.

There is much to explore beyond the city too, if your visit is long enough. Barely 40 minutes away by high-speed train, the city of Suzhou on the lower reaches of the Yangtze River has two must-sees; the Suzhou Museum and The Humble Administrator's Garden.

The museum (www.szmuseum.com), designed by the renowned Ioh Ming Pei, has such large spaces and restful lines that its splendour comes close to eclipsing the art treasures within.

In The Humble Administrator's Garden, a project of local official Wang Xianchen in 1513, almost every view looks as if it could be framed on a wall. At dusk, walkways, ponds and greenery become almost ethereal – a garden of dreams.

FACT FILE: SHANGHAI

Time difference	UK time +8 hours
Currency	Yuan (approx 14 to £1)
Population	20.6m
Main airport	Pudong International
Language	Mandarin
Religion	Taoism/Buddhism
Climate	Humid/sub-tropical

Holiday details

Paul McGurk flew with Virgin (www.virginatlantic.com), which offers Heathrow-Shanghai returns from £571 including tax. Upper class returns featuring the Cowshed, a business class lounge with complimentary meals, drinks and spa treatments, cost around £3900.

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Pudong Shangri-La rooms start at £180 per night, visit www.shangri-la.com

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Single mum of 2, 31, great SOH, works full time, seeking male with GSOH, fun-loving and romantic for possible relationship. Box 438417

LOVELY BUBBLY
Hi I'm Cheryl, 31, 5ft3, blonde, size 10, have 2 girls, I like walking, the gym and socialising, seeking a similar male for potential partnership. Box 437744

CANTERBURY TALE
Single mum of 2, 32, would like to meet someone kind, caring, considerate, for friendship possible LTR. Box 40670

HOPING FOR MORE
32yr old kind, warm female, 5'6", cuddly build, love walking my dog, nights in, evenings out, WLTW tall, honest, trustworthy male for friendship. Box 430093

R U THE 1?
Outgoing, funny, young-looking female, 34, 5ft3, brown hair/eyes, Tonbridge. Seeking caring, loyal male for friendship, leading to more. Box 430107

ROMANCE IS ALIVE
Divorced, lively mum, 35, GSOH, enjoy time with my family/friends, cinema, good food, beach walks, seeks male for honesty, love, romance. Box 813530

THE GENTLE LADY
Easygoing female with GSOH, 36, enjoys many things - going out, staying in, seeking a nice, genuine guy for lots of love and laughter. Box 437913

TRUST MATTERS
Independent, professional female, 35, 5'7", fit, GSOH, enjoy travelling, cinema, looking for a like-minded, honest and loyal male to share life with. Box 901771

SECOND THAT EMOTION
I'm an attractive, dark-haired female, 36, who enjoys cinema, coffee, theatre and socialising, seeking a fun, caring, considerate, romantic guy, for a chat and more. Box 438807

NICE SMILE???
Single 36yr old female, like most things in life, very loving and caring, 5'5", cuddly build, good personality, seeking a gentle, considerate man. Box 431286

NICE PERSONALITY
Large, bubbly lady, 37, 5'8", like country walks, seaside, bird watching, all music, looking for that special male for good times. Box 438697

PRETTY WOMAN WANTS HER RICHARD GERE
Hi I'm 37, 5ft8, mousey long hair, grey eyes, NS, large bubbly lady, love pubs, country walks, bird-watching, seeking kind, tactile, NS gen, possibly romantic! Box 435674

WHAT DO YOU WANT FROM LIFE?
36 year old female, divorced with no children, brunettes, loves travel, music, cinema, nice meals, theatre, car, social, seeking someone for dates and more. Rainham Box 434374

NEVER SAY NEVER
Decent 36yr old female, medium build, fair hair, 5'8", likes cinema, eating, having fun, seeks like-minded male, 36-40, for friendship first. Box 739664

THE WIT TO WHO!
Female, 38, 5'7", dark eyes, GSOH, no lies, likes cosy nights in, socialising, country pubs, cinema, seeks loyal, caring male, for friendship, more. Box 152892

ROUND TWO
41yr old female, separated with 3 children, medium build, dark hair, seeking a male to share life with again who enjoys socialising, cinema, music and holidays! Box 437639

ACTIVE ANGEL
Hi, I'm a fun-loving woman early 40, 5'1", curvy, enjoys eating out and cooking, walking, looking for man for happiness. Box 894398

JOIN ME BABY
Fun-loving, vivacious woman, early 40s, enjoys dining out, walking, cinema, looking for a confident man with GSOH, NS for friendship, more. Box 868889

TAKE A CHANCE
Hard-working female, 41, 5'4", bubbly, independent, love to laugh, socialising with friends, looking for inquisitive man who values TLC. Box 414561

BRING ME SUNSHINE
Easygoing, GSOH, outgoing easygoing friendly single Mum, not much time for fun, enjoys films, music, motorbikes, history, visiting places of interest, spiritual places. Box 835333

ON THE WINGS OF LOVE
Tall, outgoing lady, 43, large build, newly settled in Kent, needs to spread her wings and meet a nice chap! Let's chat! Box 825990

YOUNG & YUMMY
Mum of two, 42, 5ft4, blonde hair, brown eyes, medium build, loves eating out, staying in, holidays, seeking male 37-45 with similar interests for love. Box 438349

STRIKE ME!
42, 5ft7, slim, down-to-earth, normal love, bowling, cinema, clubs, seeking a male 40-50 for friendship and more! Box 436163

FOREVER YOURS
Hi Caroline, 42, single mum, likes having fun, enjoys going out, wine bars, swimming, looking for someone for something meaningful. Box 430952

ATTRACTIVE BRUNETTE
Loving, affectionate brunette, 43, size 12, NS, separated amicably with 2 lovely kids, enjoys keeping fit. Seeks good-looking, slim, fit, romantic male. Box 814578

HEY BOYS
Attractive female, 49, 5ft3, long black hair, blue eyes, long legs, divorced, 3 teenage children, likes meals, cooking, cosy nights in, weekends away, call me! Box 438274

DON'T PASS ME BY
Genuine, caring, honest female, 41, 5'8", medium build, dark hair, blue-green eyes, NS, likes night in/out, cinema, seeks honest male, for lasting love. Maidstone area. Box 800308

READ ALL ABOUT IT
Petite, sociable woman, 44, wavy blonde hair, blue eyes, size 10, loves beach walks, animals, DIY, swimming, travelling, WLTW NS man to share things with. Box 429682

IT'S WHAT YOU MAKE OF IT!
44yr old female, blonde hair, 5ft5, slim, easygoing, enjoy many things in life, looking for someone similar out there to enjoy life with! Box 436910

NICE AND LOVING
44yr old female, 5'5", brown hair, slim-medium build, enjoys pubs, clubs, if you are out there, give me a ring! Maidstone Box 413448

LOOKING FOR MY SOULMATE AGAIN
Hello, I'm 53, 5ft11, brown eyes, greying hair, a widow, been hurt badly recently so looking for my soulmate. I enjoy walks, socialising and more. Box 437251

IF AT FIRST YOU DON'T SUCCEED...
Hello, I'm 53, 5ft11, brown eyes, grey hair, a widow, been hurt badly recently so looking for my soulmate. I enjoy walks, socialising and more. Box 436921

ARE WE SOULMATES?
53yr old bubbly lady, fit, likes meals out, staying in, looking for a caring man to share life's ups and downs. Box 435768

THE CHEEKY DEMON
Cheeky male, 28, blonde hair, blue eyes, tall, good-looking, laidback, seeking attractive lady for fun and perhaps more. Box 438275

R U OUT THERE?
Hi, I'm Mark, 32yrs, brown hair & eyes, muscular build, I'm easy-going, up for a laugh type of guy, looking for Mrs Right. Box 900019

ALL WORK AND NO PLAY
Attractive guy, 54, 5ft11, slim, brown hair/eyes, 5ft8, I work hard and I'm looking for a nice lady to spend time with. Rochester Box 426758

MEANINGFUL RELATIONSHIP?
Loving male, 33, 6ft, fair hair/blue eyes, slim, I like cinema, theatre, meals out, cosy nights in with a take away, keeping fit. Box 436921

GENUINE YOU SEEKS GENUINE GUY
Hello guys, I'm 34, a single dad, blue eyes, cropped hair, 5ft8, love pubs, film, wine, films and series, WLTW genuine lady for love. Box 437437

THANKS FOR LOOKING!
Adventurous male, 38, 5ft10, slim, athletic, loves sports, cycling, triathlons, seeking similar active female with GSOH for socialising, drinks, films, meals, more. Box 437499

HERE I AM
I'm Stuart, 36, 6ft8, short dark hair, stocky build, love squash, badminton, swimming, the gym, theatre, seeking a lovely, nice lady for loyalty and love. Box 437106

LONG LOVE
Kind, loving dad, 36, looking for company and maybe LTR. I love pubs and cinema and looking for the sofa and love. Box 894796

PERHAPS WE SHOULD
Single male, 37, 6ft, medium build, interests include cycling, beach walks, meals, socialising, WLTW nice, similar lady for potential romance. Box 438359

REAL MAN
Honest, kind, caring male, 37, blond hair, 6ft, enjoys walks, cinema, nights in/out, family life, WLTW like-minded, genuine, Sarah, please call again, leave contact details! Box 430444

LOVE THE ONE YOU'RE WITH
Attractive, caring man, 37, very loyal, genuine, down-to-earth, from East Kent, many interests, it's about who you're with, not what you're doing. Box 434335

GET UP AND GO
Creative male, 35, 6ft, slim, dark hair/eyes, loves music, travel, history, socialising, cinema, reading, etc, seeks like-minded, attractive female, 26-35. Whitstable Box 380976

R U A ME?
Down to earth and loyal guy, 36, looking for companionship, leading to a long-term relationship. Enjoys meals out, good company & conversation, cosy evenings in. Box 714917

FANCY THIS
Jason, 38, 5ft8, likes meals out, pub, cinema, cycling, seeks genuine female for friendship and good times. Box 430332

MOVING ON
Hi I'm 38, 5ft8, medium-stocky build, 2 children, love bike-rides, swimming, walks, seeking female partner for fun, friendship, and to start new life with! Box 436381

COME MEET MY ROCKY
Independent male, 38, 5ft8, short-cropped hair, likes going out, cinema, restaurants, staying in, has a cocktail, seeks lovely lady to wine & dine. Box 438305

MAKE YOUR MOVE
Mark, 38, quite laid-back and easygoing, seeking a lady to enjoy cinema, eating out, drinks and days out with, hope you're interested. Box 437898

IN-OUT, IN-OUT, MOVE ALL ABOUT
Laidback, easygoing 40yr old, enjoys going out, staying in, and movies, seeking genuine, honest, trustworthy, loyal female of similar age for friendship and hopefully more. Box 437776

A SPARKLE
Hi I'm a down-to-earth male, 40, 5'7", medium build, green eyes, loves outdoors, sports, beach walks etc, WLTW an out-going female for good times. Box 890001

STRIKE THE RIGHT NOTE
53yr old outgoing 48yr old male with GSOH and outgoing nature, seeking a lovely like-minded lady for cuddles and snogs. Box 437535

IN YOUR EYES
Blond, blue-eyed male, 46, 5ft8, enjoys socialising, cinema, live alone in Ashford, looking for a great lady for fun, friendship and more. Box 421664

SOMEONE TO LOVE
Good-looking male, 47, VGSOH, medium build, varied interests, looking for friendship and love with honest, easy-going female with GSOH, kids not a problem. Box 894446

COUNTRY PLEASURES!
Thoughtful male, 48, 5'7", slim-medium build, short brown hair, looking for bubbly, outgoing lady to share romantic times together. Like wine/dining, country walks, cooking etc. Box 419208

LOTS OF LOVE 2 GIVE
Ordinary guy, 49, who likes the simple things in life. I smoke and don't drive. Looking for a partner to share things with. Box 901111

HEY GIRLS
Martyn, 50, tall, well built, handsome, tactile, good humour, well mannered and well groomed, WLTW lady to share good times with, friendship and perhaps more. Box 438325

BIG HEART
Hard working, fit, nice guy, 51, 5ft6, I'm loyal and have a big heart. I have 2 dogs, and enjoy the cinema, cosy nights, eating out. Box 437829

WALK WITH ME
Country loving fellow, 51, a widower, medium build/height, and a GSOH, I love animals and have 1 dog. I like to relax and meet out. Box 427761

LOVE BIRD
54yr old female, very laidback and down-to-earth, medium build, love pets, DIY, 60s music, films, seeking like-minded female for LTR. Box 437351

ON GUARD
Gary, 55 years old, 6'3", large build, ex-dormant, solvent, looking for someone to love and to have fun times with. Box 900009

CHEER ME UP
Passionate, fun-loving male, 57, WLTW carousous, good-looking female, 46-50, for nice times and romantic nights out. ELLIE from Medway leave number again, having trouble connecting! Box 405651

HYTHE & SEEK!
Slim, fit, fun-loving male, 63, 5ft10, NS, blue eyes, own business, home, squirrel etc, many interests, WLTW very fun-loving kind-hearted lady with GSOH. Box 901915

WORD FOR WORD
Easygoing, affectionate, Ashford man, 58, enjoys music, walking, cinema, in seeking an attractive lady, for genuine companionship. Box 422246

WAITING FOR YOU
Hi ladies, I'm 43, dark-haired, blue eyes, 5ft8, slim-medium build, active, love life, love holidays, theatre, beach walks, meals, if you're interested please get in touch. Box 437534

AVOID ME
SEEMS AVERAGE JO
I'm 45, 5ft10, medium build, blue eyes, shaved head, like having fun, a laugh, love going out, seeking a female, 26-48 for romance. Box 438737

SUCCESSFUL AND SINGLE
Good looking male, 42, 6'2", well built, muscular, fit, enjoys cars, motorbikes, golf, rugby, socialising, travel, seeks female for friendship, leading to serious relationship. Box 158489

TO SHARE MY LIFE
Active male, 44, 5'2", slim-medium, blue eyes, brown hair, enjoys most things in life, especially travelling and adventures. Seeking lovely female for company or more. Box 920903

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THE CAT THAT GETS THE CREAM
Jackie, 58, 5ft6, blue eyes, fun-loving, down-to-earth, contrite, love horses, seeking male 58-65 who loves music, animals, to be soulmate! Box 436328

SAVING ALL MY LOVE
Young, 51yr old modern female widow, slim, enjoys nights in, socialising, seeking honest, reliable man for friendship. Love, affection! LTR. Box 920739

PUT SPARK INTO LIFE
Happy, contented solvent lady, 58, NS, living in the country near Hythe, seeks gentleman of similar disposition and means. Box 897822

THE FUTURE LOOKS BRIGHT
Widowed woman, 61, no lies, positive outlook, kind nature with GSOH, like the outdoors, 40-50, would like to find a male counterpart. Box 432110

KEEPEE DANCIN'
Brunette lady, 61, looking for a LTR, friendship first if a guy considers. Interests: dancing walking, socialising, cuddling! Margate. Box 432246

DON'T PASS ME BY
Young 61 year old, 5ft3, medium build, brown hair/eyes, happy-go-lucky, like dancing, walks, eating out. I'm very adventurous for LTR. Margate Box 434424

Women seeking women

ANIMAL MAGIC!
Cuddly, bisexual female, 46, blue eyes, very feminine, passionate Scorpio, loves music, animals, reading/writing, stars, very genuine, meals in/out, seeking boyish female who's loving/caring Box 431512

A NEW CHAPTER...
New to the area, 48, 5ft7, brown hair, blue eyes, GSOH, caring, animal lover, into DIY, sport, reading, WLTW someone in the Maidstone area. Box 434547

MAGGIE MAY
Maggie, sociable Sagittarius, buxom, 52-year-old brunette, like music, dancing, eating out, seeking like-minded, buxom female, 40-55. Box 435191

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YOUR TV REVIEW

■ BY TOM BETTS

CURB YOUR ENTHUSIASM More 4, 00.15am, Monday THE BIG BANG THEORY Channel Four, 10.30pm, Thursday

CRIMINALLY under-watched, insanely addictive and probably the funniest show on television right now is Larry David's Curb Your Enthusiasm.

Operating on the premise that seems to apply to my own life (that if something can go wrong then it probably will) our offensive, but lovable protagonist, lurches from one minor disaster to another each week, upsetting or confusing anyone he meets in the process.

No one in Los Angeles is safe. Family friends, doctors, lawyers, maître des and more often than not his own wife, Cheryl, all suffer at the hands of the hapless David, whose inability to keep his mouth shut at the crucial moment lands him in strife time and time again.

This is not easy watching. While the semi-autobiographical results are always hilarious they can also be embarrassing as hell.

If David Brent's famous dance in The Office made you watch from behind fingers over your eyes, then David's scrapes will make you want to re-occupy the womb.

But don't let that put you off. Hidden away on More 4, the show is 25 minutes of near perfection that is well worth seeking out. It's anyone's guess why this not been given a terrestrial run.

Showing that the Americans can also do comedy for the younger audience is another offering from Stateside, The Big Bang Theory.

Channel Four has long struggled to fill the family comedy shaped hole



ENTHUSIAST: Larry David, comedy gold

left by Friends, but with TBBT they may finally have nailed it.

This is a smart, snappily written little number ideal for whiling half an hour of your Thursday night.

The main thrust: A bunch of geeks trying to woo a teenage temptress who is way out of their league hardly pulls up any trees, but some of the characters here show real promise.

In particular, the supporting cast come into their own.

Sporting the worst haircut since Javier Bardem in No Country For Old Men is Simon Helberg as Hayley Woolowitz, the lovable, nine-language speaking supernerd who raises genuine belly laughs.

It's not quite there yet, but with a little time to flourish, this could cause a much bigger bang than expected.

If this one truly takes off expect Channel Four, in their infinite wisdom, to wield the stick of schedule change and hide this away on Freeview at a time we should all really be in bed.

See you at midnight.

YOUR WEEK'S HOROSCOPE

BY RUSSELL GRANT



AQUARIUS (Jan 21-Feb 19)

MORE money is heading your way, which is a welcome relief. Taking a stance against an immoral policy or person will put you in the path of romance. Nothing is more inspiring and confidence building than someone who is willing to stand up for their beliefs.

• To find out more about what the stars have in store call Russell on **Aquarius** 09067-531762



TAURUS (Apr 21-May 21)

NORMALLY, you're ultra practical, but this week you've got your sights set starward. Fortunately, it looks like you have a lot of supportive people to help you along the way. A generous authority figure could help you get a job interview or bring your work before the public.

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LEO (Jul 24-Aug 23)

YOU'RE about to undergo a powerful transformation. An old relationship could fall away, making room for new friends and associates. Life is like that, sometimes. The good thing about having more space in your life is that it will enable you to get closer to remaining friends.

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SCORPIO (Oct 24-Nov 22)

IF you're in the mood to gamble, Lady Luck is on your side. The best part of it is you won't have to risk much in order to yield handsome profits. Of course, this could all change if you insist on raising the stakes. News regarding a pregnancy or marriage comes as music to your ears.

• To find out more about what the stars have in store call Russell on **Scorpio** 09067-531759



PISCES (Feb 20-Mar 20)

YOUR star power is undeniable. Do your best to get all the perks you can, as you'll be cycling into another phase next week. If you opt for a makeover and a change of style you should remember your natural beauty is most evident when you are spending time on the things you love.

• To find out more about what the stars have in store call Russell on **Pisces** 09067-531763



GEMINI (May 22-Jun 22)

THE spotlight will be firmly trained on you this week. If you've ever thought about pursuing a career in the arts, this is the time to do it. Any work related to film, music, photography or the media in general will be good for you. Best of all, your fame could attract amorous attention.

• To find out more about what the stars have in store call Russell on **Gemini** 09067-531754



VIRGO (Aug 24-Sep 23)

PUTTING your interests aside for the sake of someone else is probably the best move this week. Right now, a business or romantic partner needs you to relieve them of chores, listen to their fears and provide guidance. You may even be called upon to force this person away from work.

• To find out more about what the stars have in store call Russell on **Virgo** 09067-531757



SAGITTARIUS (Nov 23-Dec 21)

IN the market for a new home? Step up your search this week. Approach a family member for a loan if you need one. Adding a lover, baby, or roommate to your household is a possibility. You'll feel an affinity for this new person. Going out won't be as important as it once was.

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ARIES (Mar 21-Apr 20)

LATELY, you've been so busy you haven't had time to think. Withdrawing from the crowd helps you to know your own heart better. The next time you have the urge to do something, don't ask friends for confirmation. A secret love affair affords a great deal of pleasure.

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CANCER (Jun 23-Jul 23)

OPPORTUNITIES for personal expansion are all around you now. The stars are beaming rays of support your way so if you're engaged in an official tussle, push to wrap it up before the week is over. If you have been considering adding to your skills then now is the time to do it.

• To find out more about what the stars have in store call Russell on **Cancer** 09067-531755



LIBRA (Sep 24-Oct 23)

YOU'RE being offered a wonderful opportunity to finish outstanding tasks. You'll feel so much better once you get these jobs out of the way. This is also a good time to attend to household chores. If you need help call on a sympathetic family member. They'll be happy to pitch in.

• To find out more about what the stars have in store call Russell on **Libra** 09067-531758



CAPRICORN (Dec 22-Jan 20)

THIS could turn out to be one of the busiest weeks of the entire year. The phone won't stop ringing and your in-box will fill up pretty fast. It will take every ounce of strength to keep up with all of your work. Although you're sure to be tired, it is nice to know you are needed.

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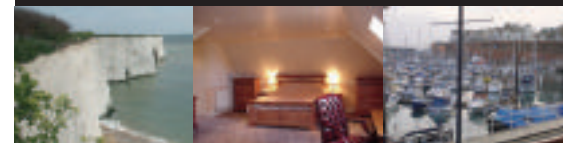
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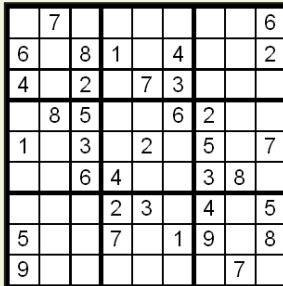
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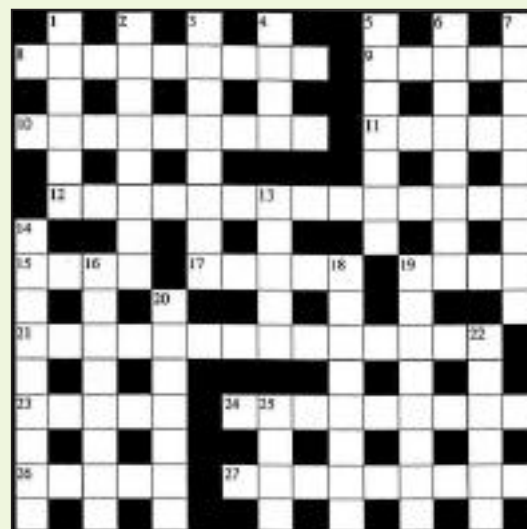
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LAST WEEK'S SOLUTIONS

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ACROSS: 1 Crossbar 6 Copeck 9 Marcia
10 Sometime 11 Under control 13 Plain
14 Defeatist 17 Agony aunt 19 Prole
21 At a later date 24 Herbaria 25 Treble
26 Escape 27 Abrasive. DOWN: 2 Roan
3 Seclusion 4 Brandy 5 Reserve 6
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Flightless 15 Terebene 16 Parterre 18
Nirvana 20 Latter 22 Libra 23 Slav.

QUICK SOLUTION No29

25 Heel.
Princess 19 Alleviate 20 Melting 22 Gurgling
13 Foyer 14 Stop-press 16 Preamble 18
4 Onus 5 Climbing 6 Overhang 7 Prankster
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ACROSS: 8 Equaling 9 Hover 10 Violinist

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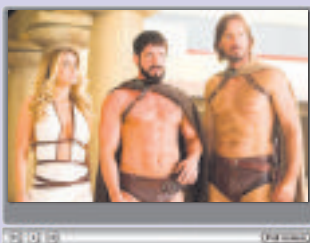
From the best-selling series of books comes The Spiderwick Chronicles. Peculiar things start to happen the moment the Grace family leave New York and move into the secluded old house owned by their great, great uncle Arthur Spiderwick. After a bit of exploring the fantastic truth of the Spiderwick estate is revealed.

LARS AND THE REAL GIRL (12A)



Lars is a shy young man in a small town who finally brings home the girl of his dreams to his brother and sister-in-law. The only problem is that she's not real – she's a blow-up doll. But sex is not what Lars has in mind, but a deep, meaningful relationship. His brother thinks he's nuts, but soon the entire town goes along with his delusions.

MEET THE SPARTANS (12A)



After successfully skewering Hollywood's scariest movie (as two of the writers on Scary Movie), romantic comedy franchises (Date Movie) and Hollywood blockbusters (Epic Movie), writers/directors/producers Jason Friedberg and Aaron Seltzer now set their sights on 300. The heroic Leonidas, leads a ragtag group of 13 Spartans to defend their homeland against the invading Persians.

Why DiCaprio has gone green

■ BY ELLIE GENOWER

YOU'RE a Hollywood heart-throb with the world at your feet, a model on your arm and Oscar nominations in your bag. So what on Earth do you have to be worried about? Well, the Earth actually.

Titanic star Leonardo DiCaprio is turning his attention to ice that melts and insists this is not about jumping on any trendy bandwagon.

"This documentary is something that I have been trying to do for many years," he says. "Ever since I started environmental work, I've wanted to do a documentary that really encompasses every major environmental issue in the world and speaks to all the greatest experts."

And The 11th Hour certainly goes some way to achieving that, talking to scientist Stephen Hawking and former Soviet president Mikhail Gorbachev, as it explores man's impact on the planet, and more importantly, what we can do to change it.

Going green – changing, not only the way we live, but what we buy and how we entertain ourselves – has been of increasing concern to Leo, one of the documentary's producers, as well as its narrator.

"I was tired of watching news programmes and listening to environmentalists or scientists that have devoted their lives to an issue like global warming, having to sit there and get wrangled into some sort of argument about whether this is really happening or not," says the 33-year-old star.

"We wanted to make a homemade movie where we got the greatest minds possible all speaking uninterrupted without any corporate backing or studio involvement from the onset."

Documentary film in Hollywood is on the rise, with the success of Michael Moore films like Fahrenheit 9/11 and Sicko, and of course that of former president hopeful Al Gore, whose film

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ECO-FRIENDLY: Documentary producer Leo DiCaprio

An Inconvenient Truth hit the headlines two years ago – and had a profound impact on the already environmentally conscious Leo.

"There is tremendous capability in the world of documentary. If it weren't for An Inconvenient Truth and him having put the science of global warming and its impact on a global scale, a movie like this wouldn't be possible," he admits.

"This film has a broader spectrum in the sense that we talk about personal responsibility, and about the role of governments and corporations along with solutions as well. It really highlights the fact that we have solutions out there today that can reduce the human footprint by 90 per cent."

Leo confesses he became concerned about the world around him at a young age.

"I had a deep respect for nature, and I was a little biologist when I was younger," he says, smiling.

Nowadays he drives a hybrid car, has solar panels on his house, uses filtered water and buys organic produce. "I built my house green but that isn't necessarily feasible for everyone out there," he concedes.

His passion for the environment is obviously a big part of his life, but Leo insists he won't be joining Arnold Schwarzenegger in turning to politics: "I have no political aspirations whatsoever." However, he realises it's his star appeal which will entice people into cinemas to see a low budget movie about global warming.



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BIRTHS

BAKER

Stacey and Bev are proud to announce the birth of their son Tyler on the 1st March 2008, weighing 8lb 7oz at Pembury Hospital. Brother to Chelsea and Chloey.

BOORMAN

Louie John Darryl Boorman born on 29th February 2008, weighing 9lb 10z. Son to Krista and Ben and brother to Darryl, in Ashford.

BOWBRICK

Florence Erica Bowbrick born on 26th February 2008, weighing 8lb 2oz. Daughter to Nick and Laura Bowbrick, sister to Joe Bowbrick of Allington.

BROWN

Simon, Clare and William Brown are delighted to announce the birth of Lara Eve and Edward Harry on 12th February 2008.

BRIDGEMAN

Timothy and Gina of Stanford, have great pleasure in announcing the birth of their son Harrison Willis Bridgeman, born on 3rd February 2008, weighing 5lb 11oz.

CHATER

Zoe is proud to announce the birth of her beautiful baby son Harvey Dean Chater born on 20th February 2008 weighing 6lb 9oz. at 3.01pm. Welcome to the world xx.

CHENERY

Anne and Toby Chenery of West Malling celebrate the birth of their daughter Grace May Chenery on 27th February 2008.

COX

Helen and Darren Cox of Ditton celebrate the birth of their daughter Emily Grace Cox on 26th February 2008, weighing 6lb 11oz.

CRAWFORD

Annabel Jane born 2nd March 2008, weighing 8lbs 12oz. Daughter to Melissa and Adam Crawford of River Dover.

DAW

Rosie Louise born to proud parents David and Leanne on 4th March 2008 at 10.15pm, weighing 9lb 5oz.

DOWN

Kaylan Charlie Mohan born on 27th February 2008, weighing 5lbs 7oz, son to Hannah and Mohan in Rochester.

DRISCOLL

Amy May born on 2nd March 2008, weighing 6lb 10z. Daughter to Damien and Nicola in Margate. Our most precious and beautiful daughter.

FORREST

Ruby Louise born on 28th February 2008, weighing 7lb 8oz. Daughter to Jane and Ian Forrest and sister to Jack in Maidstone.

GARDINER

John and Lisa are delighted to announce the arrival of their baby son James William. He arrived on the 27th February 2008 at 3.30pm and weighed 8lb 4oz. Michael and Chloe are very excited to have such an adorable new brother.

HARRIS-BEALE

Coben Henry born on the 29th February 2008 weighing 6lb 12oz. Son to Leanne and Tony of Tunbridge Wells. One way of saying how much your loved by all the friends and family

HAYWARD

Zara Imogen born on 2nd March 2008 at the William Harvey Hospital, weighing 6lb 13oz. Daughter to Julie and Graham of Park Farm Ashford.

HITCHELL

Richard and Gayle Hitchell of Tunbridge Wells are proud to announce the birth of their first daughter Emily Rose born 3rd March 2008 weighing 7lb 11oz.

HOWE

Lucy Alicia born on 3rd March 2008 weighing 7lb 14oz. A Daughter to Richard Howe and Emma Noakes of Lydd.

HOWLAND

Ben and Rachel of Canterbury are proud to announce the birth of their son, Ashton Robert Howland, on 6th March 2008. A new baby brother for Kira.

HUNSDON

Ellora Stacey Ann born on 6th March 2008, weighing 9lb 10z. Daughter to Chris and Cathy in Ramsgate. Welcome sister to Tommy.

KEELEY

William Benjamin Dixon Keeley born on 1st March 2008, weighing 7lb 5oz. Son to Annie and Ben Keeley of Maidstone.

KELLY

Brooke Kelly born on 5th March 2008, weighing 9lb 5oz. Daughter to Stephen Kelly and Hayley Stewart in Maidstone.

LUFF

Harry and Gemma of Tonbridge are delighted to announce the birth of their son Alfie Harry Luff born 3rd March 2008 at Pembury Hospital weighing 5lb 13oz.

MCDONALD

Olivia Kelly born on 10th March 2008, weighing 7lbs.11oz. Daughter to Derek and Dawn in Margate. Special sister for Emily.

MULLENDER

Malcolm and Anne of Dunkirk are delighted to announce the birth of their son, James Edward, on 1st March 2008 at William Harvey Hospital, Ashford. A new baby brother for Thomas and Emily.

OCKENDEN-CHEESMAN

Andrew and Sarah are pleased to announce the birth of their son Olly Sydney Benjamin born on 20th February 2008 at the William Harvey Hospital, weighing 6lbs 2oz. A brother for Joshua.

PADLEY

Andrew and Lisa Padley are delighted to announce the Birth of their Beautiful Daughter Ruby born 5th March 2008. A little sister for Rebecca.

PARSONS

Riley Stephen born to very proud parents Lee and Kim, a little brother to Rhys. He arrived on 3rd March 2008, weighing 7lb 10z.

PARTRIDGE

Phoebe Heather born on 15th February 2008 weighing 9lb 14oz. Daughter to Neil and Tracy Partridge. Mummy and Daddys special little angel.

PETTIT

Tanya and Francis are delighted to announce the birth of their son Mikey Valentino, born on 14th February 2008 at QEQM. Brother to Frankie.

RAISTRICK

David and Rachel Raistrick of Tunbridge Wells are delighted to announce the arrival of their baby daughter Emily Wendy Louise born 24th February 2008 weighing 7lb 10oz.

ROBERTSON

Stuart and Joanna Robertson of Tunbridge Wells are proud to announce the birth of their son Matthew William Robertson born 26th February 2008 weighing 6lb 4oz.

SAVOV

Faith Savov born on 7th March 2008, weighing 7lbs 13oz. Daughter to Marina and Galin Savov in Marden, Tonbridge.

SEAL

James and Laura Seal of Cranbrook proudly announce the birth of their son Andy James Fred Seal born 11th February 2008 weighing 3lb 11oz - our little fighter and a lovely brother for Kerry.

SMITH

Shannon Jessica born on 29th February 2008, weighing 9lbs 9oz. Daughter to Sarah and Liam in Ramsgate. Welcome sister to Caitlin.

SMITH

Elliot and Tracey of Herne Bay are proud to announce the birth of their son Henry Michael, born 7th February 2008.

STEWART

Katie Ellen born to proud parents Leslie and Deborah on 27th February 2008, weighing 6lb 10oz. Little sister to Steven and George.

STRINGER

Mark and Samantha of Blean, Canterbury are very proud to announce the birth of their beautiful baby daughter, born on 5th March 2008 at 10.58pm weighing 7lb 8oz.

TAYLOR

Mike and Chantal of Whitstable are proud to announce the safe arrival of their first son Warren Michael.

TROOPE

To Brendan and Amanda of Canterbury a beautiful daughter, Rachel Elizabeth Troope, born on 20th February 2008. A new baby sister for Liam.

URQUHART-SELL

Peter and Caroline celebrate the birth of their daughter Eiley Marie, born on 7th March 2008 at the William Harvey Hospital, weighing 9lb 12oz. A sister for Jai.

WALDRON

To Robert and Amy of Herne Bay a beautiful son, Freddie Ray, born on 28th February 2008 at Margate hospital.

WALKER

Chris and Kirsty of Hildenborough proudly announce the birth of their son Riley William Walker born 19th February 2008 weighing 7lb 3oz.

WATTS

Layla Nicole born on 29th February 2008 at QEQM, weighing 7lb 5oz. Daughter to Alana and Kevin Watts of Dover.

WOODLAND

Becky and Woody of Ramsgate celebrate the birth of their beautiful daughter Brooke Olivia on 3rd March 2008. Mummy and Daddys special little angel.

WRIGHT

Michael and Louise are pleased to announce the birth of their daughter Abigail Eva Gracie born on 11th February 2008 at the William Harvey Hospital, weighing 8lbs 3oz. A Sister for Jack, Aaisha and Caylann.

DEATHS

BOTH

Ronald Albert Both of Gravesend passed away peacefully after a short illness on 7th March 2008. Service to be held at Church of the Holy Family on 19th March 2008 at 10.30. Enquiries to Morris and Partners Gravesend. Sadly missed by all.

BUSH

Raymond Aubrey of Hythe Kent, (former Ashford G.P.), passed away peacefully on 8th March 2008 just before his 90th birthday, after a short illness. Will be sadly missed by his family and friends.

CANE

Ivy Cane of The Grove Residential Home in Maidstone, formerly of Woodlands in Biddenden, died peacefully on 9th March 2008, aged 93. All enquiries to Sears Funeral Service on 01622 725035.

COSSEY

Ann Cossey, passed away peacefully at QEQM Hospital Margate on Tuesday 11 March 2008. She will be sadly missed by all the family and her many friends. Remembrance Service to be held at St. Peters Parish Church, St. Peters, on Wednesday 19 March at 1.30pm. Followed by private cremation. Family flowers only, donations to Great Ormond Street Hospital Childrens Charity c/o Blackburn's Funeral Service Broadstairs tel 01843 862897.

DEEN

Sheila Elizabeth Nina Teresa Deen of Canterbury passed away peacefully after a brave battle with cancer. A beloved mum to Annette, Gary, Roger Phil and Tim. A much loved Nan to all her many grandchildren, also Peter. She will be very sadly missed by all who knew her. The funeral was held on 13th March at Barham Crematorium. If desired any donations to Cancer Research.

HAWARD

Daisy Haward of Maidstone died peacefully on 3rd of March 2008. Funeral Service at Maidstone Crematorium at 1.15pm on Tuesday 18th March 2008.

HEARNE

Heather Eileen Hearne died Saturday 8th March at Kent and Canterbury Hospital after a short illness. Much missed by her husband and loved ones. Cremation at Barham on 27th March at 12.40. Thanks giving at the Baptist Church Middle Wall Whitstable at 2.30pm.

HULL

Pansy Hull nee Kemp passed away peacefully on the 8th March 2008 at Darent Valley Hospital and will be sadly missed by her family and friends. service to be held at Gravesend salvation Army Citadel 10.30am Tuesday 25th March 2008 followed by cremation at Medway Crematorium at 11.40am. Family flowers only please donations if desired to the Salvation Army c/o Morris and Partners Ltd of Windmill Street Gravesend who will also deal with any enquiries.

HUTCHINGS

Les Hutchings died peacefully at Ashley Down Nursing Home on 4th March 2008. Funeral at Eltham Crematorium Wednesday 26th March at 10.45am. All family and friends welcome. Flowers or donations to Stroke Association. Thank you for your kind words of sympathy Michael Peter Linda and David.

O'CONNOR

William O Connor passed away on 3rd March 2008. Funeral service to be held in St Johns in Hildenborough at 2pm on Tuesday 25th March 2008.

PARRY

Irene Parry of Eastry, formerly of Rochester passed away peacefully at home with her family after a long illness on 11th March 2008, aged 60 years.

REDMAN

Kathleen Mary Redman of Staplehurst, formerly of Goudhurst, passed away peacefully on 3rd March 2008, aged 81. All enquiries to K B Sills Funeral Directors of Cranbrook on 01580 712284.

RICHARDS

Jeanetta Richards of Maidstone, formerly of Bradford West Yorkshire, passed away peacefully after short illness on 9th March 2008, aged 74. Funeral service to be held in Vinters Park Crematorium at 1.15pm on 25th March 2008.

SHRUBSOLE

Gladys Irene Shrubsole of Maidstone passed away peacefully after a long illness on 4th March 2008, aged 87.

SLADDEN

Doug passed away at Kent and Canterbury Hospital 8th March 2008 Please contact Beltinge and District Undertakers Beltinge Herne Bay Kent for funeral details.

STICKELLS

Tony Stickells 26/12/1951 - 29/02/2008. Passed away suddenly at home. Deeply missed but still in our hearts. Miss you Bruv Arthur and David. Service and Funeral to take place at The Chapel Gravesend Cemetery 18th March at 1pm.

TILLYER

Joseph George Tillyer passed away at Whitstable and Tankerton Hospital on 7th March 2008 after a short illness.

WILLIAMS

Jeffrey Williams of Maidstone died on 10th March 2008. Funeral service at Tunbridge Wells Crematorium at 11am on Wednesday 19th March.

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PROPERTY NEWS

White stuff attracts buyers overseas

INVESTORS in overseas property are now turning to the snow rather than the sea when it comes to desirable locations.

The Alps are becoming increasingly popular at the expense of Mediterranean hotspots which traditionally dominated the market for UK buyers abroad.

France, Italy and Austria all saw strong increases in interest, while Canada was also proving popular among those looking for property abroad. The latest HiFX Global Property Hotspots report, which covers the period from January to March this year, also shows interest in summer destinations such as Spain and Cyprus is waning.

"The French Alps are still top for Brits seeking a place in the snow, with France accounting for 26 per cent of all inquiries due to its close proximity and cheap airlines," explained Mark Bodega, director of HiFX.

He added that prices are higher in well established resorts such as Meribel, Courchevel and Chamoniex – but the rental yields for landlords also remain consistently high in these areas.

Feeling safe at home can prove priceless

HOMEOWNERS have spent a staggering £27 billion on security systems in the last five years in an attempt to feel secure following a break-in.

The figure was revealed by a survey commissioned by Intamac Systems, which examined the costs of burglary to families.

While many said they would consider the chief burden to be the financial outlay after a violation of their home, the emotional cost can be just as severe according to the experts.

For a large proportion of people surveyed nothing could make them feel safe in their home. A third of those questioned stated they were forced to pack up their possessions and move home.

However, those that remained in a property spent £27bn on improvements to their security.

"While we have tried to put a figure on peace of mind, it seems that feeling safe in your own home is priceless," said company spokesman David Rimmer.

"We talk about our homes being our castles, but after a break-in the householder's relationship with their home changes, with many striving to regain the air of safety and normality."



PRICE OF FAILURE: DIY disasters at home can be expensive to put right, and you may need some additional household cover if you want to claim from an insurance policy

The hidden costs of men who tackle DIY

■ BY NICK AMES

NEW research has shown that contrary to popular belief men are not natural DIYers.

According to the study many dislike doing it, but feel pressured to try and redesign the bedroom, remodel the kitchen or rewire the hi-fi system.

More than a third said if they had the choice they would not carry out home improvements, but feel a sense of duty to do it after being put upon by their partners or family.

And the bad news for men – half of women believe DIY skills are desirable in a prospective partner.

More than 1,500 male homeowners were

questioned in the survey for Halifax Home Insurance.

The study found that in a bid to impress their partners many men may be planning to attempt ambitious and potentially dangerous home improvement projects involving building, gas or electrical works.

It revealed that a quarter of men have attempted electrical wiring at home, while almost a quarter of men have attempted to fit an entire new kitchen.

The survey warned that people who undertake large home improvement jobs themselves, without the proper qualifications or experience, risk invalidating their home insurance policies if things go wrong.

Martyn Foulds, a senior claims manager for Halifax Homes Insurance, said: "TV home makeover shows make it all appear so simple

and it's easy to forget that these are highly skilled professionals.

"In reality, trying to tackle certain areas you are not qualified for, such as electrics or plumbing, could invalidate your home insurance policy, leaving you liable for any subsequent damage.

"We'd recommend using a reputable tradesman rather than going it alone."

Accidental breakage to some parts of the home, for example sinks, baths, ceramic hobs and fixed glass in doors, is included in most buildings insurance policies.

But householders may need additional accidental damage insurance cover to protect against common DIY disasters that befall thousands of people, such as drilling through water pipes, spilling paint on carpets, or putting feet through ceilings.

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- Excellent Condition
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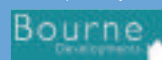


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MOTORS NEWS



Motorline's got a new Renault man on the job

MOTORLINE has appointed Paul Stapylton general manager for its Renault site at Vauxhall Industrial Estate, Canterbury.

Westgate man Paul, 28, who is new to Renault, but has more than ten years' experience in the motor trade, said: "There are several new (Renault) launches this year like the Koleos and the Laguna, all of which I'm sure will be well received by Renault customers."

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Dealer says Evolution shows Lancer revolution

MITSUBISHI'S all-new Lancer is 'revolutionary', claims a Kent dealer.

Clay Roper, dealer principal of SMC Mitsubishi, Erith, says the saloon has sensational styling, keen pricing and the 'halo' effect of the sporty Evolution X variant: "The tenth generation of Mitsubishi Lancer has been priced into the heartland of the C segment even though it's bigger and better than its competitors. Sharper handling, better safety, crisp styling and cutting edge technology underline the new car's sporting credentials."



Annual kit show trades in classic dreams

FANCY a head-turner like this classic Austin-Healey for a fraction of the price?

That's the draw of the UK's kit car industry, which will showcase its dream products at the 18th European Kit & Car Builder Show, staged at the County Showground, Detling, near Maidstone, on the weekend 12-13 April.

Apart from some 40 manufacturers, 50 trade stands, 30 kit car clubs, and over 400 privately owned kit cars on display, there is family entertainment and catering and parking is free.



ALL-NEW JEEP: Jeep's Chrysler Group parent claims the newcomer is one of the best-built cars it has ever produced, though interior quality is well below par for the sector

Jeep's own 4x4 rival to the family hatch

ROAD TEST

JEEP PATRIOT

BY STEVE LOADER

STAR QUALITY

Driving appeal	★★★★★
Image	★★★★★
Space	★★★★★
Value	★★★★★
Running costs	★★★★★
Reliability	★★★★★
Green rating	★★★★★

JEEP has an all-new entry model in the finest 4x4 tradition of the brand and yet cheap enough to tempt would-be family hatchback buyers.

OK, the £15,995 lead-in price is for the 2.4 petrol version, so stomp up an extra grand for the entry level diesel, the 2.0CRD Sport tested here.

With a Volkswagen-sourced turbodiesel and slick six-speed manual gearbox, this model can be hustled brilliantly on-road and – as I proved at last year's launch event – tackle seriously tough terrain by using the fully-lockable 'Freedom Drive' 4x4 transmission.

It is not in the same league as Jeep's bigger kit, but not bad for a proper 4x4 selling for the price of a well-spec'd family hatch and capable of delivering a decent drive and a smooth ride.

It should also be long-lived; Jeep's Chrysler Group parent claims the newcomer is one of the best-built cars it has ever produced, though interior quality is well below par for the sector.

On the bright side though I can see that the materials used make it easier to remove the

chocolate and sticky sweets plus juice and wee stains that have disfigured our ageing Toyota RAV-4 'kiddie wagon'.

The layout is fairly practical too, with lots of stowage and cup holders and even a flip-up MP3 player slot in the armrest, conveniently situated for plugging into the centre console's 12v socket.

The seats are mounted high despite the Patriot's comparatively modest height for this class and also comfortable, with enough lateral support for yomping across the rough stuff.

However, the car is more 4.5-seater than full five-seater even if the utilitarian 4x4 estate styling delivers good rear legroom and headroom.

Boot space is also restricted by the extra transmission and underfloor spare, but folding the 60/30 split rear seats opens up lots of load carrying flexibility.

Yes, the Patriot is a pugnacious character, but it won't break the bank and while full-size 4x4 sales falter under the onslaught of tax, spiraling fuel prices and the heated 'green debate' it makes a convincing alternative – it looks the part while averaging 40mpg.



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JAGUAR X-TYPE



JAGUAR'S junior model is going through rehabilitation on the used market as people realise what a bargain it has become. Purists didn't like the fact that it is based on the previous front-wheel drive Mondeo platform, although Ford-owned Jaguar tried to deflect this by launching the 'X' with all-wheel drive. But critics had to acknowledge that the 'X' drives well in the Jag tradition while two smooth diesels and an elegant estate, have redeemed it with hard-nosed used car buyers.

STAR QUALITY

Driving appeal	★★★★★
Looks and image	★★★★★
Space	★★★★★
Value	★★★★★
Running costs	★★★★★
Reliability	★★★★★
Quality	★★★★★

HONDA ACCORD



IS it a prestige badge or not? Honda constantly juggles that question, as well as the buying public. There is no doubting Honda quality, but the front-wheel drive Accord executive saloon struggles to deserve a mention alongside the classic rear-driven layout of the BMW 3-Series. Nevertheless, the Honda is beautifully made, offers a sporting drive and is unlikely to let you down en route to a top-level meeting. The so-called 'whispering diesel' option is also one of the best too.

STAR QUALITY

Driving appeal	★★★★★
Looks and image	★★★★★
Space	★★★★★
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MERCEDES C-CLASS



YOU won't find many used C-Class bargains, but that grille and three-pointed star is worth paying extra for to stand out from the crowd. An all-new model last year has eased prices on the outgoing range though, which includes some of the best diesel engine options in the sector. The driving experience is less involving than the BMW 3-Series, but the Merc rides better and is the classier all-rounder – you should get more dosh back when you sell too.

STAR QUALITY

Driving appeal	★★★★★
Looks and image	★★★★★
Space	★★★★★
Value	★★★★★
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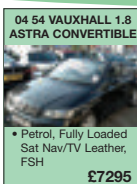


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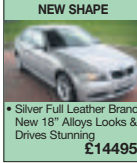
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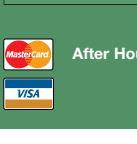
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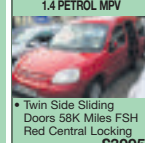
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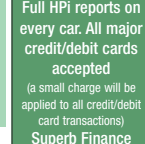
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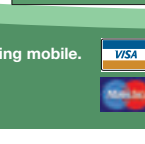
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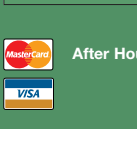
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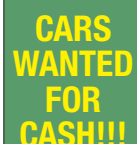
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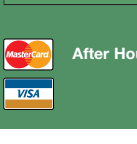
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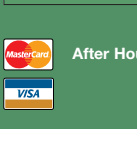
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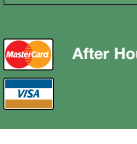
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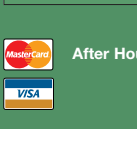
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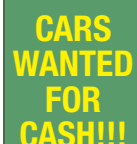
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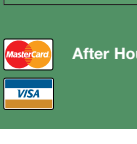
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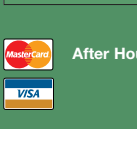
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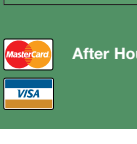
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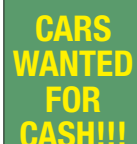
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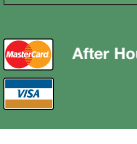
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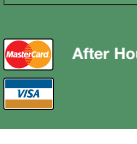
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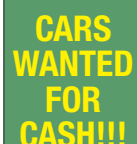
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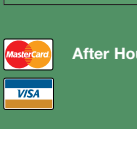
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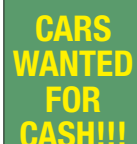
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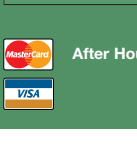
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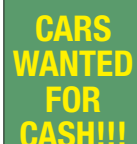
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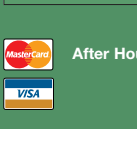
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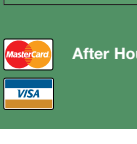
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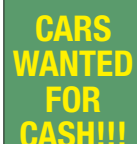
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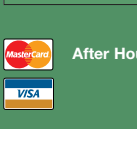
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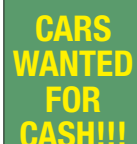
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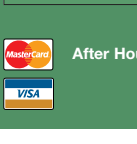
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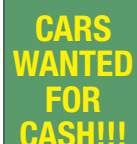
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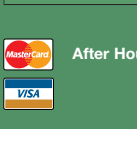
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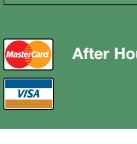
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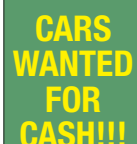
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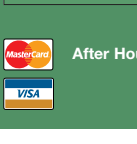
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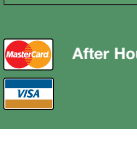
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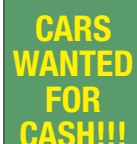
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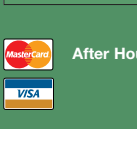
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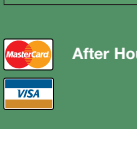
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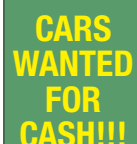
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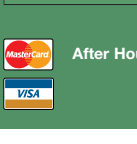
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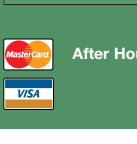
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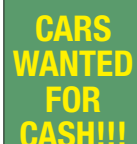
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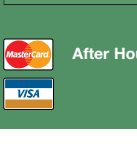
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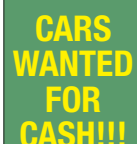
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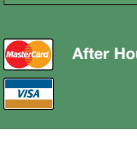
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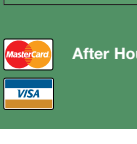
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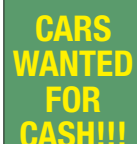
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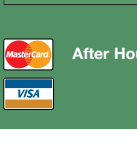
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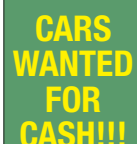
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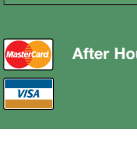
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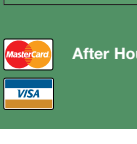
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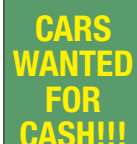
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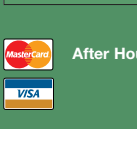
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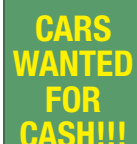
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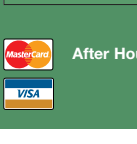
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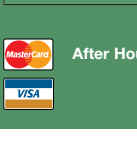
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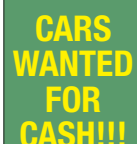
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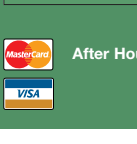
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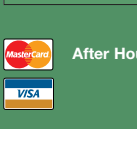
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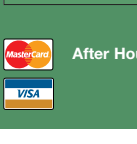
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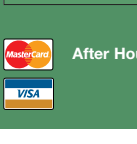
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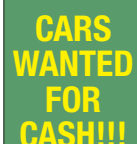
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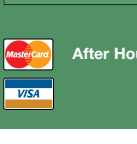
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Ref: CED/o8/0035

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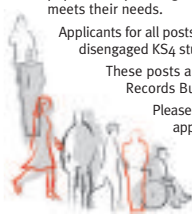
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Brompton Westbrook Primary School
Kings Bastion, Brompton
Gillingham
Kent ME7 5DQ
Telephone - (01634) 844152
Email office@bromptonwestbrook.medway.sch.uk

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Inclusion/SEN teacher
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Full time and permanent
Required From: 1 September 2008
Closing Date: 4 April 2008
To apply/more information
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Featherby Junior School
Chilham Road, Gillingham
Kent ME8 6BT
Telephone - (01634) 231984
Email office@featherby-jun.medway.sch.uk

Hempstead Junior School

Key Stage 2 Teachers
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Required From: 1 September 2008
Closing Date: 28 March 2008
To apply/more information
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Hempstead Junior School
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Closing Date: 31 March 2008
To apply/more information
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and Marlborough Centre
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St Benedict's Roman Catholic Primary School

Key stage 1 & 2 teachers
Salary: MPS/UPS
Full time and permanent
Required From: 1 September 2008
Closing Date: 3 April 2008
To apply/more information
Mrs Mrs Barbara Salamonzkyk, Headteacher
St Benedict's Roman Catholic Primary School
Lambourn Way, Lordwood
Chatham
Kent ME56 8PU
Telephone - (01634) 669700
Email headteacher@st-benedicts.medway.sch.uk

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Key stage 2 teacher
Salary: MPS/UPS
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Closing Date: 3 April 2008
To apply/more information
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Allhallows Primary School

KS2 Teacher
Salary: MPS/UPS
Full time and fixed term
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Required From: 1 September 2008
Closing Date: 28 March 2008
To apply/more information
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Fairview Community Primary School

Foundation Teacher
Salary: MPS/UPS
Full time and fixed term
Term of contract: 1 Year
Required From: 1 September 2008
Closing Date: 28 April 2008

To apply/more information

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Closing Date: 31 March 2008
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Year Group Leader
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Stoke Community School

Deputy Headteacher
Salary: L1-L5
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Closing Date: 3 April 2008
To apply/more information
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Stoke Community School
Lower Stoke, Rochester
Kent ME3 9SL
Telephone - (01634) 2702678
Email headteacher@stoke.medway.sch.uk

Foundation Stage Leader

St James' C of E VA Primary School

Foundation Stage Leader
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The School Office
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SECONDARY SCHOOLS

Teacher

Greenacre School
Teacher of PE
Full Time and permanent
Salary: MPS/UPS
Required From: 1 September 2008
Closing Date: 30 April 2008
To apply/more information
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Greenacre School Bradfields Avenue, Chatham
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Telephone - (01634) 861593
E-mail office@greenacre.medway.sch.uk

St John Fisher Catholic Comprehensive School

Teacher of English
Salary: MPS/UPS
Full time and permanent
Required From: 1 September 2008
Closing Date: 3 April 2008
To apply/more information
Mr D Kelly, Headteacher
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Teacher of Law
Salary: MPS/UPS
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Teacher of Business Studies
Salary: MPS/UPS
Full time and permanent
Required From: 1 September 2008
Closing Date: 28 March 2008
To apply/more information
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Email office@thomasaveling.co.uk

Assistant Faculty Leader

St John Fisher Catholic Comprehensive School

Assistant Faculty Leader of Religious Education
Salary: MPS/UPS + TLR 2c (£2,364)
Full time and permanent
Required From: 1 September 2008
Closing Date: 28 April 2008
To apply/more information
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Head of Department

Greenacre School

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Salary: MPS/UPS + TLR 1b (£9,981)
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Required From: 1 September 2008
Closing date: 30 April 2008
To apply/more information
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Fax - 01634 869246
Email office@greenacre.medway.sch.uk

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Head of Technology
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Required From: 1 September 2008
Closing date: 4 April 2008

To apply/more information

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Email office@howard.medway.sch.uk

St John Fisher Catholic Comprehensive School

Faculty Leader of Religious Education
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Assistant Headteacher / Director of Joint Sixth Form

Walderslade Girls School / Greenacre Boys School

Salary: L12 - L16
Full Time and Permanent
Required From: 1 September 2008
Closing Date: 28 March 2008
To apply/more information
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Walderslade Girls School
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Kent ME5 0LE
Telephone - (01634) 861596
Email headteacher@waldersladelgirs.medway.sch.uk

Head of Department

Chatham South School

Head of ICT
Salary: MPS/UPS + TLRc
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Required From: 1 September 2008
Closing Date: 21 April 2008
To apply/more information
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Email Headteacher@chathamssouth.medway.sch.uk

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Innovation centre is given Key to success

A DRIVE towards new technology in Kent has been boosted with the appointment of a marketing high-flier as co-ordinator for the Thames Innovation Centre.

Robert Key is to help develop technology companies as well as attract overseas companies that might be looking for a UK base for their European operations.

He said the centre, intended to be the heart of the future Thames Gateway technology sector, is much more than just a building.

Mr Key added: "Not only can we offer smart and well equipped office space, but the centre also offers a complete range of business support packages and access to finance that will enable new ventures to grow and flourish."

His previous jobs have included working with a private medical company and developing its clinic base nationwide, in addition to working within a marketing consultancy offering services to SMEs based in the South East.

Northern Rock still a charitable institution

GUARANTEED funding promises from the newly nationalised bank Northern Rock have enabled its charitable arm to state that it will almost double its budget.

The Northern Rock Foundation initially feared its projects would be ended by the well publicised collapse of the bank last year.

But Alastair Balls, the charity's chairman, has now been able to increase his grants budget for this year from £7 million to £11m, following pledges made during the nationalisation process which have recently been made public.

Until the end of last year, Northern Rock set aside five per cent of its profits each year to fund the foundation.

And the collapse of the bank prompted Mr Balls to cut the charity's grants budget for 2008 to just £7m.

However, provisions in the legislation paving the way for the nationalisation of Northern Rock commit it to funding the foundation to the tune of at least £15 million a year until 2010.

Why businesses 'must help' to cut waste mountain

■ BY NICK AMES

MAJOR companies should be asked to accept voluntarily their responsibility to cut waste, according to the Conservative Party.

Opposition MPs spoke out after high-profile campaigns in the media and among conservation groups to get rid of such things as plastic bags in supermarkets and cut packaging on foodstuffs and other perishables.

The party says existing EU rules are not wide-ranging enough and are "propping up our throwaway culture".

Former Tory MP for Tunbridge Wells – who was the boss of Asda – Archie Norman has been asked to look for ways of working with firms on a 'fundamental rethink' of tackling waste.

The Government has already given supermarkets a year to slash the use of plastic bags, threatening legislation if they do not.

The steering group on waste is part of a wider drive by the Conservatives to persuade businesses they have an important role to play in creating a better society – on issues from obesity to climate change.

Tory leader David Cameron said corporate social responsibility was "a really vital challenge for the future"

– but should not burden businesses and the economy with higher tax and regulation.

"We're not going to solve any of the big problems we face as a society, as a country or as a world, unless we have responsible business playing its part," he said.

"We're not going to make Britain a more family-friendly country, unless business plays its part in terms of helping families to have time together. We won't deal with childhood obesity, or teenage pregnancy, or any of the other childhood issues we're looking at, without business acting responsibly, without playing its part."

The Tories say the current approach to dealing with the 330 million tonnes of waste produced in the UK each year is "bureaucratic and sluggish".

Members say the EC Directive on packaging and waste has had limited success as it only covers a small amount of waste – such as electrical and electronic equipment, vehicles and batteries.

Meanwhile the effort to increase recycling is "driven by the threat of hefty fines" rather than a "fundamental rethink of how we look at waste".



TASKMASTER: Former Tory MP Archie Norman – and boss of supermarket chain Asda – has been asked to look at ways of tackling waste with businesses

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EDGING CLOSER: Shaun Welford's fifth goal in three games secures another league win for Dover
Picture SIMON HARRIS

Welford nudges Whites closer

FOOTBALL

Leatherhead 0 Dover Athletic 1

ANDY HESSENTHALER'S Dover Athletic increased their stranglehold on the top spot in Ryman Division One South with a hard-fought victory on Saturday.

Shaun Welford was preferred up front and player-manager Hess continued his run in the side in mid-field. On-loan Chelsea midfielder James Simmonds was forced to sit the game out through injury.

The only goal of the game came from a mistake from the Leatherhead goalkeeper just ten minutes into the first half. Welford used his pace to charge down a poor clearance from Aaron France and the ball trickled into the empty net. The goal was his fifth in the last three games.

Dover continued to attack the Leatherhead goal in a bid to increase their lead, but the final ball lacked any cutting edge.

With the sides separated by just the single goal at the break, the home side knew they had a chance to salvage something from the game.

In the second half, Leatherhead put Dover under pressure and their lead at one stage looked fragile and Whites goalkeeper John Whitehouse was called upon twice.

On the first occasion he spilled a

cross from the right hand side, but luckily for the former Chatham keeper, Leatherhead's strikeforce were unable to capitalise on the error.

However, Dover's defence were under pressure again and the Surrey side should have equalised, but the unmarked Tanners' striker lifted the ball narrowly over the bar.

In the dying minutes, Dover were denied a penalty, but Welford's goal proved enough for the Whites to record their 27th league victory of the season.

With their nearest rivals Cray Wanderers only managing a 1-1 draw against Croydon Athletic, the Ryman Division One title looks to be heading to Dover.

Deal work hard to make a point

A DAVE BATHGATE penalty ensured Deal Town received a share of the points at The Charles Ground on Saturday.

Derek Hares's side knew it would be a tough game as fifth-placed Erith Town have only lost four games all season. Deal had to work hard for their point after falling behind on 34 minutes.

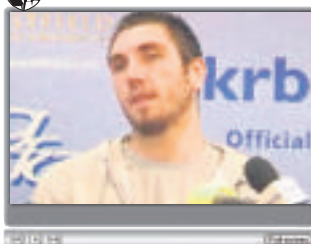
However, a clinically finished penalty from Bathgate at the start of the second half ensured honours were even at the final whistle.

Mark Pollard's first-half goal failed to earn Deal any points on Easter Monday as they went down 3-1 away to high flying VCD Athletic.

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Gills defender Garry Richards gives his view on the club's relegation fears

Sharks looking to take bite of title

STILL harbouring title ambitions, Dover RFC have the chance to keep the pressure on London South East 3 when they return to action this Saturday.

The Sharks have been the surprise package of the season and are in contention for back-to-back promotions. The last time Dover tasted a league defeat was back in November. Since then the Sharks have won 13 consecutive matches.

On Saturday, Graham Tonk's side face Aylesford Bulls hoping to secure another valuable two points. Both sides have been in form, but the Sharks have the better record.

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ON TARGET: Jimmy Dryden's second-half header earned his table-topping side a point in a tough encounter against a resilient Ashford Town side on Easter Monday

Dryden header spares league leaders' blushes

FOOTBALL

BY TOM HOWARD

Dover Athletic 1 Ashford Town 1

JIMMY DRYDEN'S second-half header salvaged a point for league leaders Dover Athletic as their progress was slowed by a spirited Ashford Town.

A bumper crowd of 1,324 at Crabble Stadium witnessed a hotly-contested fixture between play-off hopefuls Ashford Town and the potential Ryman South champions, Dover.

Alan Pouton was welcomed back by Dover manager Andy Henthall after recovering from a back injury.

In-form striker Shaun Welford led the front-line with Frannie Collin, while Ashford boss Steve Lovell fielded a changed line-up from the side that lost 2-1 against Whyteleafe.

Town fielded a 3-4-3 formation with Walid Matata, Paul Jones and Mark Lovell up front.

It was Ashford who had the first chance of the game inside 60 seconds when Mitchell Sherwood blazed wide. Dover replied immediately with a Jon Wallis free kick finding Welford, but his header beat the cross bar.

However, the league leaders' defence was breached with just seven minutes on the clock.

Danny Lye headed an Ashford free kick over the head of Dover goalkeeper John Whitehouse to silence the Crabble crowd.

The home side upped their game in search of an equaliser immediately and the Dover faithful thought they had secured it, but Welford's downward header bounced narrowly wide.

The Whites kept putting pressure on the Town defence, and Jamie Riley was called upon for the first time to save Wallis's 20-yard effort midway through the first half.

The travelling Ashford fans had precious little else to cheer as Dover bossed the game from midfield. However, a quick counter-attack resulted in Jimmy Bottle firing just wide.

Three minutes before the half-hour, Dover had their best opportunity of the match. A Henthall corner caused havoc in the Ashford defence and Danny Braithwaite was forced to clear off the line, but his clearance only reached Alan Pouton, who shot over.

After the break, Dover continued to pen Ashford in their half, but the Town defence stood firm due largely to a solid display from skipper Sean Ray.

On the hour mark, another Ashford counter-attack almost saw them increase their lead, but Ray's header cannoned off the post and into the hands of Whitehouse.

With 20 minutes to go, the Ashford defence was finally breached. Dryden, on as a substitute, met a Wallis free-kick and fired a bullet header into the top corner.

Dover went in search of a winner with noise levels raised around the Crabble. On 80 minutes, Matt Bourne's strike from the edge of the area clipped the top of the bar via Riley.

Neither side could find a winning goal in the dying minutes, but Lovell's Ashford side were the happier at the final whistle.

Cugley: we will escape relegation

FOOTBALL

BY DAVID PRITCHARD

Hastings 6 Folkestone Invicta 1

FOLKESTONE Invicta manager Neil Cugley believes his side need two more wins from the last seven games to ensure they escape relegation from the Ryman Premier.

With the safety mark likely to be set much higher than normal, Invicta cannot take anything for granted, but Cugley believes his side are not far from guaranteeing their survival.

He said: "I think 50 or 51 points will be enough, which is a lot. We have won as many games as we did in the whole of last season already. The lads have done well, they have battled hard and there is a really good team spirit and I'm sure that will get us through."

Cugley's side were hit for six on Easter Monday by a rampant Hastings side.

Invicta went into the Hastings game on a high after battling to a hard-fought win against fellow strugglers Harlow Town.

The game was dominated by a strong wind which swept from one end of the Buzzlines Stadium to another.

Invicta made the most of playing with the breeze in the first half, with Leigh Bremner scoring after 11 minutes when he charged down a hurried clearance from the visiting goalkeeper which rebounded into the net.

The hosts might have made their lead more emphatic before the break, with Bremner, Lloyd Blackman, Tom Webb and Roland Edge all coming close.

In the second half Harlow monopolised the territory but struggled to carve out clear chances.

Teenage stopper Luke Stonebridge was equal to anything the visitors could conjure up and Invicta were rarely troubled en route to a vital win.



ON THE UP: Leigh Bremner's strike against Harlow eased Folkestone Invicta's fears of returning to the dreaded drop zone

Hythe feel the pressure in title race

FOOTBALL

Hythe Town 1 Herne Bay 1

HYPHE TOWN manager Paul Fisk believes his side cannot afford to drop any points in the remaining four games of the season if they are to stand a chance of winning the Kent League title.

Despite Buster Smissen's 47th goal of a profitable season, Hythe came unstuck against a resilient Herne Bay side on Easter Monday that were out for revenge after suffering a defeat to the same side in the Kent Premier Cup last week.

Fisk said: "I think we know we have to win all our games to stay in the hunt. We need Thamesmead to slip up but we can't afford to slip up ourselves so there is pressure on us as well. We could win it on the last day of the season so we have to keep up the pressure."

After losing against Beckenham in their previous league game, Hythe got back to winning ways on Saturday with a hard-fought 2-0 victory at Croydon.

Inclement weather conditions made it difficult for both sides to play with any fluency, but Buster Smissen volleyed the visitors in front after ten minutes for his 46th goal of the season.

Hythe had Tom Adlington sent off in the second half but made the game safe in the dying minutes when Lee Winfield converted a penalty after Smissen was felled in the box.

Fisk was pleased to come away from a potential banana skin with maximum points.

He said: "It wasn't a good game, conditions were horrible with wind, rain and sleet. It was just one of those games where we had to dig deep to get a result and we did it."

On Saturday they travel to play struggling Holmesdale.



TITLE ASPIRATIONS: Hythe Town boss Paul Fisk hopes his side can stay in the hunt for the Kent League title

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SPORTS RALLYCROSS



BACK ON TRACK: Lydden Hill circuit has a bright future ahead
Picture LYDDEN HILL CIRCUIT

Saved Lydden Hill circuit back in the driving seat

AFTER a winter of uncertainty, the Lydden Hill circuit has a new lease of life and a bright future ahead for the home of British Rallycross.

The future of the Dover circuit, which has hosted rallycross since 1965, was in doubt back in October when the lease expired. However, the circuit was saved by the Doran family, who stepped in to purchase a five-year lease from track owners McLaren International.

Led by the former British Rallycross champion Pat Doran's daughter Amy, the circuit is set for radical changes. A new entrance is planned and capacity is set to be increased to 25,000 with the construction of spectator-friendly grandstands.

The re-development is hoped to attract more championships to host rounds at the Lydden circuit and in turn bring more spectators to the circuit.

Circuit owner Amy Doran told Yourdover: "In the long run we do want to purchase the circuit at the end of the new lease. Our family have always been involved in the sport and this track is close to our hearts. We have done what the spectators have wanted. We have put up grandstands and increased the quality of the facilities. We hope that we can attract bigger events in the future like the European Rallycross Championship."

The former British Champion and fans' favourite Pat Doran has won on many occasions in front of bumper crowds at the circuit and is glad it has been saved. He also hopes that he will return to the top step of the podium in 2008.

He said: "In the winter it was a difficult time for this track. If we had lost this track then the fans would have lost the country's premier facility. This is why we had to step in and do something about it. This is where rallycross was born and in my opinion this is the best track in Europe."

On Easter Monday, the track opened its doors for the first time this season with the start of the British Rallycross Championship.

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Kent's Lydden Hill circuit gears up for the start of a new rallycross season

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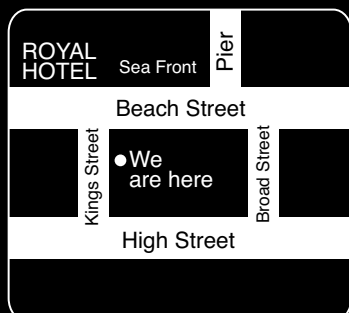
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